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## A Good Samaritan had 'end of nose bitten off' – COURT TOLD

A GOOD Samaritan who intervened in a fight outside a pub, ended up having the end of his nose bitten off, Cardiff Crown Court has heard, writes AJ SICLUNA.

The man responsible, 35-year-old Ashley Carey, who had a history of violence, wept in the dock as he was jailed for 16 months, after admitting a charge of wounding Mathew Tame, Carey, of Heol Cambrensis, Pyle, was told by Judge Tom Crowther QC: "This

offence has had a significant effect on Mr Tame. You were not provoked at all. You have upset your own life and the lives of your family." Prosecutor Jeff Jones said that on Saturday, April 25, Mr Tame was with friends outside the Walnut Tree pub, Kenfig Hill. The defendant headbutted a friend of his in "an unprovoked, sly attack".

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**GET WELL SOON, CLIVE!**

Well-known GEM community correspondent, Clive Mitchell, is at present in the Stroke Ward at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, after suffering a serious stroke on February 5 while at home.

Thankfully, his wife Dilys reports that Clive is recovering slowly, "but it will be some time yet before he is well enough to come home."

• The GEM joins his family and many friends in the area in wishing popular Clive a very speedy and complete recovery to full health.

## 'DON'T SMOKE' OUTSIDE OUR SCHOOL GATES!' PUPILS URGE PARENTS



ABOVE: The 'hearts, minds and lungs campaign' appears to have found favour with these pupils of Garth Primary School.

'BE KIND TO OUR HEARTS AND LUNGS' – that's the message from pupils at Garth Primary in Maesteg, where a new county-wide initiative has been launched asking parents to stop smoking outside school gates.

Smoke-free gates plaques will soon appear outside all primary schools in Bridgend county borough, and local smokers are

encouraged to respect the request not to smoke.

Headteacher Julie Thomas, said: "At Garth Primary School, we are passionate about improving the health and wellbeing of our pupils. As a 'Rights Respecting' school, we recognise that it's our responsibility to ensure that children are protected from harm.

"The campaign will support us in our endeavours to develop resilient, informed, and confident young citizens."



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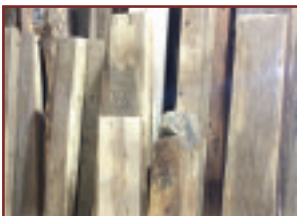
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## Brexit: 'please let's bring back some common sense'

**C**LEARLY, Mr Ian Perry (GEM letters) has a different view on the merits of post-Brexit Britain to myself and over 17 million British voters; and I've no intention of re-running the debate as to whether we should leave the EU or remain, as that debate has long since ended – and Britain democratically decided that leave was the way to go.

Yes, the Vale did vote narrowly to remain, but the EU referendum vote in the Vale was almost identical to that of the vote for the instigation of the Welsh Assembly, but we never saw riots and protests over that one. What's changed?

Following the referendum, those of us who voted leave have gotten used to being called stupid, illiterate and even racist, by those people who think that their opinion is the right one, better than ours. Those 'with money' are using it to try to overturn our democratic choice.

Democracy results in one side winning, and one losing; but a democratic decision has been made and now we must go forward as a united Britain playing its place in the world. No longer are we just part of a super-state.

Mr Perry is of the impression that our young people will be disadvantaged by Britain's departure from the EU; but while I don't have a statistics department at my disposal, I beg to differ.

Youth unemployment in Great Britain, according to stats, stands at 12.9 per cent and while this in itself is shocking and more should be done to support NEETS, this figure is lower than most EU states.

Belgium for example, home of the EU has a youth unemployment

rate nearly 10 per cent higher, at 21.2 per cent. France, currently a pinnacle of the EU has a youth unemployment rate even higher at 25.8 per cent.

Here in Britain, the world is lining up to make post-Brexit trade deals with us, and the economy is growing and according to the BBC, leaving the EU will create 400,000 jobs. To quote the former leader of UKIP, Nigel Farage or Gordon Brown, who made the quote first, this should be British jobs for British workers.

As for studying at university (a subject very close to my heart, working as I do as a lecturer in one), it is my understanding that our young people will be able to study overseas – just the same as overseas students will still be able to study at universities in the UK.

The uni at which I work has a high percentage of international students, and we welcome them. Our young people will still be able to live, work and study across the world, just like they did before there was an EU to leave.

As for President Trump, he has indeed supported Brexit. This is because the US election and the EU Referendum had a lot in common.

Both were David and Goliath fights between the established political 'elite' and the working person. While President Trump may not be to everyone's taste, one thing is sure; he will certainly put his people first, and this is what our leaders here in Britain should start doing, too.

No more international aid for pensioners in China, while our pensioners freeze to death alone.

Let's bring back some common sense to our country – please.

**Ade Pitman, Barry.**

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## 'THE T9 BUS SERVICE IS A NATIONAL ISSUE'

**I**CAN readily understand the underlying reasons why persistent 'local' critics react in the way they do when expressing their concern at the usage of the T9 airport service bus.

However, I would suggest that these critics should address the bigger picture.

Vincent Bailey (Dyfan Conservative candidate), seems to be giving the misleading impression that 'local' residents would be better served if this 'luxury of a regular bus service', in a substitute form, was provided for the benefit of the communities in the Vale.

It seems, he, and others, are tending to lose sight of the fact that the provision of the T9 service is not, *per se*, a local issue. This service is provided for the wider communities of Wales and its visitors to the airport and not just for the exclusive use of the communities that straddle along the Port Road corridor route to our capital.

A national airport without a facility of a regular shuttle service to its capital is a nonsense and is hardly compatible with the potential for promoting a thriving airport.

Consider what the Bristol airport authorities did

when the Welsh Government bought out Cardiff Airport from private ownership. They panicked, knowing full well the financial importance to their airport of maintaining the existing levels of Welsh passengers.

In the knowledge of this, they provided, for the first time, a regular shuttle service between its airport and Swansea. They didn't seem to care much about this convenience being readily available to the Welsh public before this time.

Neither did they seem to regard the cost of providing this service, involving a much longer journey, as being prohibitive – or that it could prove to be economically unsound.

The silence of criticism from Welsh 'local' sources on this cynical Bristol development has been deafening.

The Welsh Government, *inter alia*, is in the business of providing a viable and essential air service facility for the better prosperity and convenience of Wales and its citizens.

In contrast, the failed former private ownership of Cardiff Airport could hardly lay claim to having shared these benevolent aims.

**D Williams, Rhosce.**

## Stairlift prize tinged with sadness for Mrs Mizen

**BRIDGEND-based Ableworld ran a 'Win back the price of a new Stairlift' competition between September and December 2016, when customers who purchased a stairlift were automatically entered into a free draw.**

Mrs Mizen from Port Talbot was the latest lucky winner.

She purchased the stairlift to help both her and her husband remain independent in their own home after the family had become concerned for their safety when using the stairs.

Because of the urgency, the store manager went out and actually fitted the stairlift himself within 48 hours.

Mr Mizen died shortly afterwards, but Mrs Mizen continues to use the stairlift and has thanked the staff for such prompt service.

She said: "I have never won anything in my life, it was such a nice surprise".

She now plans to treat herself and her family with the money.

Ableworld offers customers a wide selection of mobility and homecare products. The store stocks items such as mobility

scooters, wheelchairs, adjustable beds and rise and recline chairs but also smaller items to help with day to day tasks.

It is open from 9am to 5.30pm, Monday to Saturday, at Bridgend Shopping Centre, Brackla Street, Bridgend, Wales, CF31 1DD; call 01636 856696.



## T9 bus 'not viable'

**W**ITH regard to an article in last week's GEM newspaper, the statement from the Welsh Government boasts that the number of passengers using this bus has gone up to 13,200.

Let's look at these figures without any political spin – 13,200 multiply by 12 divided by 366 (Leap year) divided by 34 journeys daily – this gives an average of 1.27 passengers per trip.

To any business, this is just not financially viable. Stop it now and put the money to better use (the NHS).

**D Coles, Barry**

## The 'phantom passengers' of the T9 bus service

**O**NCE more, we are told about the growing number of passengers on the T9 bus – or as some call it, the 'M' T9 – 'T9 bus service is on the up', according to Welsh Government' (The GEM, February 16).

I'm finding the data difficult to reconcile, so I asked the Wales Government for the figures.

The largest number of passengers was during October 2015, 22,258 during the Rugby World Cup.

That's an average of 718 for each October day, ie 21 passengers per bus! The average for 2015/16 was 387 per day, or 11 per bus, bank holidays and the leap year are included in my calculation.

Hmmmmmm, I've never seen more than two passengers on a bus, so I'm left wondering how can these numbers differ so much from what I, and everyone else I know, witness each day.

Comments on social media and some in The GEM refer to airport staff and hotel guests using the service and something about an automatic passenger count.

Could the bus driver, getting on and off, be included in the automated counting process? **Dennis Harkus, Barry**

## 'Parliament is for the majority'

**I**N reply to John Lewis's letter of February 16, he says that Parliament is not there just to obey 17 million Brexiteers.

However, that is EXACTLY what it is there for. In referenda and elections through the ages, Parliament has rightly done the bidding of the majority of voters.

Those who are

## Praise for the NHS

**I**T seems to be the thing to criticise the NHS at the moment. At 10.39 on Thursday, February 9, I had an appointment at the Princess of Wales Hospital in Bridgend.

I could not have received better, more efficient treatment anywhere.

My appointment was on time, I had an ECG,

ineligible or too apathetic to vote are, quite properly, not counted.

As for Nigel Farage, people might not choose him as a friend, but at least he doesn't couch his views in political speak, and he's not afraid to confront his peers.

If people are insulted or antagonised by that, so be it.

**Gerwyn Thomas, Llantwit Major**

my blood pressure was taken, my weight and height were checked.

I was given a heart scan by a consultant who gave me a comprehensive explanation of my condition.

Everyone was polite, friendly and efficient. I am one very satisfied patient of the NHS.

**DC Geary-Andrews, Boverton**

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# Jail for car thieves who targeted surfers



Kevin Criddle.



Matthew Maynard.

**TWO Swansea men who specifically targeted Porthcawl surfers' cars throughout 2015, have now been jailed.**

Matthew Maynard (31), was jailed for 26 months, after pleading guilty to two counts of theft of a motor vehicle and being carried in a stolen vehicle.

Kevin Criddle (45), who pleaded guilty to three counts of theft of a motor vehicle, was sentenced to 16 months.

A third man, Christopher Hanney (31), also from Swansea, received a nine-month suspended sentence, 200 hours unpaid work and a three-month curfew for possession of criminal property.

Criddle and Maynard began their spate of car thefts on August 1, 2015, when they took the keys to a Hyundai, which were left in an unattended bag

in Rest Bay.

Officers carried out extensive CCTV enquiries, which identified Criddle and Maynard getting out of the stolen Hyundai with a fast food box, which was traced to a nearby fast food restaurant.

The duo struck again, this time on September 13, when they stole a Ford Fiesta after the keys were left in a safe box attached to the vehicle parked in the Hi-Tide. Five days later, they stole another Ford Fiesta, after the keys were left in an unattended bag at Rest Bay.

In late September, officers were alerted that the suspects were back in Porthcawl, which resulted in Criddle evading officers before being arrested and sentenced to 14 months for dangerous driving and a number of other driving offences.

Matthew Maynard and Christopher Hanney were

arrested after officers searched an address in Swansea in November 2015; in excess of £9,000 was also recovered from the property.

Detective Sergeant Julian Kerslake said: "Surfers and other sea lovers were targeted by Maynard and Criddle as they headed into the water and left personal belongings and valuables unattended.

"Every year, there is a spike in the number of crimes reported on beaches in Porthcawl.

"The message is simple, don't be tempted to leave keys and other valuables unattended while you go in the sea.

Small bags that can be carried or attached to the owner at all times, even when in the water, are a great idea for keeping keys and some other belongings safe."

## 'WHY SHOULD PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA PAY FOR CARE?'

**THE Bridgend County Civic Charity recently held a successful charity lunch at the Great House Restaurant.**

The compère was Heidi Bennett, chief executive officer for BAVO and the guest speaker was TV and radio presenter Beti George, a spokesperson reports.

It was explained that her topic: 'Beti & David - Lost for Words', was a programme she was presenting for BBC Wales Television - to give an idea to viewers of what it's like to care for someone with dementia.

Heidi stressed that Beti George cares for her partner - the well known sports correspondent and broadcaster, David Parry Jones.

She emphasised that we now have dementia-friendly communities, such as shops, banks, and cafes that are more aware and people in the community are trained

to notice and take care of people with this disease.

Beti spoke at length on dementia, care for carers, and respite care, which was non-existent - and also the financial aspect that is not often talked about.

When a dementia care home can charge £2,000 a week, she fears for the future as far as David is concerned - for all kinds of reasons.

Last October, eight years after the diagnosis and after intervention from the GP, they were given a 36-hour a week care package - or as a friend said - a day and a half!

They welcomed this with open arms and have found a good carer for 24 hours, but are still looking for another carer to fill the remaining 12 hours.

The point was made that carers are in short supply, and until we are prepared to pay them a decent wage for one of the most difficult jobs out there, then there will always be a shortage.

Social care is in crisis in England. In Wales, we're better off, apparently, but when people on the streets were asked "would you be prepared to pay more tax to fund social care?" the answer given very often was "no".

It raised the question, why should people with dementia pay for care? If David had cancer of the brain, or heart disease, the NHS - free at the point of delivery - would take care of him immediately? Why the difference?

The programme was televised recently and Beti said:

"I hope people who have seen it won't come up to me and say - 'Poor you'. I don't want pity. Caring for David is not a burden.

"He wakes about 6 o'clock each morning and calls out for me - where are you? I'm here by your side, I say. Oh, he says - thank God for that. I'm sorry - and give me a big cwtch. So his short term memory hasn't

disappeared completely. He appreciates what I do for him - and he's not a burden at all.

"I'm sorry for being a bit heavy and that you didn't hear any jokes from me - but I'm so keen for people to be aware of what carers do - what life is like for them - not only those who look after people with dementia, but young carers who have to look after a parent, or parents who have to care for a child.

"We must respect them and appreciate them more - and offer greater support than what is available now."

The next civic charity event is Afternoon Tea on February 26 at 3pm in Court Colman Manor, with special guest Coun Norah Clarke who will speak about 'Guide

Dogs and Puppy Walking' with compère Coun Jeff Tildesley, tickets £10.

On Wednesday, March 1, at 6.30pm in Heron Hall, Heronsbridge School, the annual evening of entertainment and enjoyment with choirs and pupils of Heronsbridge School and Llangwydd Junior School with compère the Rev Canon Michael Komor, Rector of Coity, Nolton and Brackla with Coychurch. Tickets £3 for adults and children are free.

For further information and to reserve tickets, contact M Major, on 01656 651491 or Coun M Thomas on 01656 871439.

## Sergeant Aaron (17) qualifies as Instructor Cadet

**CADET Sergeant Aaron Davies (17) has recently qualified as an Instructor Cadet at 631 (Maesteg) Squadron.**

Sgt Davies has now completed the Air Cadet classification syllabus, starting at First Class and moving onto Leading Senior and Master Cadet, before becoming an Instructor Cadet by completing a Method of Instruction course that trains him to be able to assist Squadron staff in training more junior cadets.

By completing the Master Cadet badge, Sgt Davies also qualified for a BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Aviation Studies and he is now working towards a BTEC Level 2 in Teamwork and Personal Development in the Community. Both of these nationally recognised qualifications can be earned free of charge at Air Cadet Squadrons.

During his service with 631 Squadron, Sgt Davies has gained the bronze and silver Duke of Edinburgh Award and, having completed a four-day expedition in the Brecon Beacons, is well on his way to the gold award. He has also gained a St John's Youth First Aid Award, flown in Vigilant gliders and Tutor trainers, and trained on two types of rifle fired by Air Cadets.

631 Squadron meets at Upper Street, Maesteg on Tuesday evenings from 7.15pm-9.15pm and is now welcoming boys and girls of between 13, or at age 12 when beginning school year 8.

Further information is available at <https://www.facebook.com/m631MaestegSquadronAirTrainingCorps/> or by email from [oc.631@aircadets.org](mailto:oc.631@aircadets.org).



Cadet Sergeant Aaron Davies is pictured with Squadron Leader Len Protheroe.

## Day of prayer is planned

**TWO services are to be held for Women's World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 3.**

The first is at 1.45pm in the Salvation Army Hall, Plassey Street, Penarth and the second is at 7.30pm in St Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Edith Road, Dinas Powys, CF64 4AD.

This is an international and ecumenical prayer movement that invites women, from a different part of the world each year, to prepare a church service through which their hopes and fears for their country may be brought before the world.

An estimated three million people in more than 170 countries and islands will gather to use the same service which, this year, has been prepared by Christian women in The Philippines.

The service has been translated into 1,000 different languages and dialects and begins with sunrise on the island of Samoa, then going through the next 35 hours, all around the world, until the sun sets in American Samoa.

In the British Isles alone, more than 5,000 services will be held.

The theme 'Am I Being Unfair To You?' reflects on Matthew's Gospel.

In 2013, Typhoon Haiyan hit the Philippines and the people are still very much in need of prayer.

Everyone is welcome: men women and children.

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## Bridgend Male Choir to perform at Welsh Proms

**FOLLOWING confirmation that Bridgend Male Choir (BMC) will be performing at this year's Welsh Proms in July, and at the Gothic Roman Catholic Cathedral of Santa Maria of Palma in October, the choir will now also be performing at Harrow School's Speech Hall on June 17.**

The hall will provide a dramatic backdrop to an evening of Welsh musical entertainment with BMC and Lewis Merthyr Band, under the baton of conductor Owain Arwel Hughes.

During March the choir will be supporting local charities with concerts on St David's Day, at Bryntirion Comprehensive School, in support of the Urdd Gobaith Cymru; and on March 17 with Vocelle Ladies' Choir and Oldcastle School Choir at St Mary's Catholic

Church, Bridgend, in support of St John's House Trust.

The choir is always interested in attracting new members.

Rehearsals are held every Thursday from 7.30pm to 9.30pm at Oldcastle School, South Street, Bridgend (CF31 3ED).

For further information contact the choir secretary Gareth Reese, on 01656 862037 or 07773 170373.

**Martin Cadogan**  
Bridgend Male Choir

## Good Samaritan

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Mr Tame intervened and grabbed the defendant around the neck. There was a struggle, and when they fell to the ground, Mr Tame felt the end of his nose being bitten off. It was later found and preserved in a piece of tissue.

He was later treated at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, and was then transferred to the plastic surgery unit at Morriston Hospital.

The following day, Taylor, said: "In many ways, this is a man with a split personality. The police, denied the offence, and said he had acted in self-defence."

The court heard that Tame had a permanent scar on the end of his nose, which often changes colour and has caused embarrassment and upsets his children.

Mr Jones said Carey had received a four-year sentence for wounding with intent, had been convicted of drug offences, public order offences, affray, battery, and causing actual bodily harm.

On one occasion, he had been convicted of obstruction by threatening to jump from a railway bridge at a train, closing the main line from Paddington to Swansea for two hours and 20 minutes.

His counsel, Andrew Taylor, said: "In many ways, this is a man with a split personality. References paint a picture of a very devoted father."

"He has had considerable trauma in his life, his mother is suffering a serious illness, and what he needs is care and support."

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## 'Women should consider careers in manufacturing' – says Miss Wales finalist

MISS Wales finalist Hannah Williams has urged women to explore careers in manufacturing.

Hannah, aged 23, works at Sony UK Technology Centre, Pencoed, where she is a sourcing officer.

She graduated with a business management degree from Cardiff University and worked in the medical manufacturing sector before joining Sony UK TEC.

As a vital member of the manufacturing facility, she helps to support the production of thousands of HD broadcast and professional cameras for global distribution.

She hopes other women will follow in her footsteps and consider a "rewarding" career in manufacturing and engineering.

She explained: "Many women may not even think about a career in manufacturing. Luckily I have always been influenced by my family's roles in different business areas. They previously worked in manufacturing in Wales and this is something that I've grown up with."

"Since I have been working in industry and manufacturing I have noticed that although sectors are trying to diversify, it is still proving difficult to attract young women in to science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) professions, therefore the female talent reaching the senior levels is far less."

"I believe there is so much opportunity for more young people to join our industry; I have learned so many skills, and the innovations you get to be a part of are really exciting and rewarding."

Sony UK TEC director of professional services Gerald Kelly said: "We are delighted to fully support Hannah in her bid to become Miss Wales. We applaud her decision to use the platform to raise



Hannah Williams.

funds for charitable causes across Wales and to highlight the benefits of STEM and engineering careers for women."

Throughout the competition Hannah will also be supporting the Beauty With A Purpose initiative, which fundraises for disadvantaged children, and helps charities in more than 100 countries.

She heads to the final of the Miss Wales competition on April 8 in Newport.

## SUZIE'S MISSION TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE STROKE CHARITY A PIECE OF CAKE!

WHEN Mike Plowman had a stroke in October 2016, his daughter Suzie Kingshott from North Cornelly knew that she wanted to do something positive to help raise awareness to help others reduce their risk of stroke too.

Suzie said: "Dad is one of the lucky ones and, thankfully, he is well on his way to making a full recovery, but not everyone is as lucky."

"After a visit to see him while he was in hospital, I realised that I wanted to help other people and families who had been affected by a stroke."

She embarked on a fundraising mission selling items supplied by the Stroke Association, such as pin badges, and carried out a bucket collection after a local

The bumper £1,100 cheque raised for the Stroke charity.

concert.

Her husband also shaved off his beloved beard and she held a coffee day at her house where her mum and sister spent hours making cakes for the event.

Suzie added: "People's kindness and generosity completely overwhelmed me and we managed to raise £1,100 for the Stroke Association."

"We would like to thank them for their amazing support and also like the team at the Stroke Ward at the Princess of Wales Hospital because without them,

Dad's recovery would not have been as quick and successful."

The family are now planning to take part in the annual 'Step out for stroke' event which takes place on May 21 at Newbridge Fields, Bridgend.

Stroke Association regional fundraiser for Wales, Alan Drury, said: "It is only with the support of inspirational people like Suzie that we can continue supporting stroke survivors and families living in the local community, and it is great to see Mike making such a great recovery."



## Rotary club Valentine's dinner

THE Rotary Club of Bridgend members, partners and guests again celebrated a Valentine's dinner at Seasons Restaurant in Bridgend College.

This was the 27th consecutive year of attendance and quite by accident 27 diners attended.

The Club is grateful to the members of staff, Kim Jenkins, Neil Hughes, Tracey Bond and all Level 2 VCCT students, who managed, prepared and served a delicious three-course meal.

Rotary president Bob Broughton thanked the staff and students for this special evening and also Rotary members for their continued support of this

student career developing event.

If you are interested in joining or wish to find more about Rotary, contact [www.rotarybridgend.org.uk](http://www.rotarybridgend.org.uk) or the secretary of the Rotary Club of Bridgend on 01656 652181.

ROY HODGKINSON.



## PORTHCAWL CHOIR AT ICONIC VENUE

Porthcawl Male Choir was proud and honoured to sing in the National Museum of Wales for GE Aviation on Tuesday, February 7.

Being invited to sing at this wonderful and prestigious venue was indeed an honour. This was a first for the choir at this wonderful building and what an evening it turned out to be.

The event brought together people from around the Gorge and the choir were invited to

give them a taste of Welsh Male singing before their banquet.

The programme opened with O' Gymru which was greeted with a standing ovation from the assembled guests.

The remainder of the programme included a mixture of music from shows, as well as traditional Welsh pieces. Phil Davies sang the solo entrance to Bring Him Home (from Les Miserables), and John Jones had everyone participating in the final number, African Trilogy. Our deputy chairman, Simon

Hughes presented the organiser, Mr Peter Silverthorne, with a commemorative choir plaque and necktie.

It was stated that the choir can expect to be invited to other events in the future and that GE Aviation wish to foster a close relationship with our choir.

Any company wishing to book the Porthcawl Male Choir perform at a special event please visit the website for further information at [www.porthcawlmalechoir.co.uk](http://www.porthcawlmalechoir.co.uk) MAL EVANS

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## FEARS OF DELAY TO PARC SLIP PROJECT

THERE are fears that the long-awaited restoration of the Parc Slip opencast site at Aberkenfig may be further delayed.

Aberavon AM David Rees asked in the National Assembly for information about strengthening the guidance issued to planning authorities in terms of opencast mining.

Mr Rees fears the restoration of the Parc Slip site, which straddles the Bridgend and Neath Port Talbot local authority areas, could be further delayed.

He said that when restoration applications are made in relation to the site, applicants promise the earth but later promise just a bit of that earth – because they haven't got the necessary money.

He said: "Now they're not promising anything – because, they say: 'We've got to delay it again'."

"It's important that if applications are

approved, the individual organisation is held to account for its application. Can we therefore strengthen the advice on that area please?"

The Leader of the House, Jane Hutt AM, said that the fact that an alternative restoration scheme has been put forward at Parc Slip is important.

She said: "I understand that the details are still being finalised."

"Of course, they will go to the relevant planning authorities, acknowledging your point about what impact we can have in terms of those regulations."

"It's important to note that the Welsh Government has been clear that the UK Government, who benefited from the receipts of privatisation, should assist with the effect of restoration of the site."

"I think that is crucially important in terms of the way forward."

Michael Prosser





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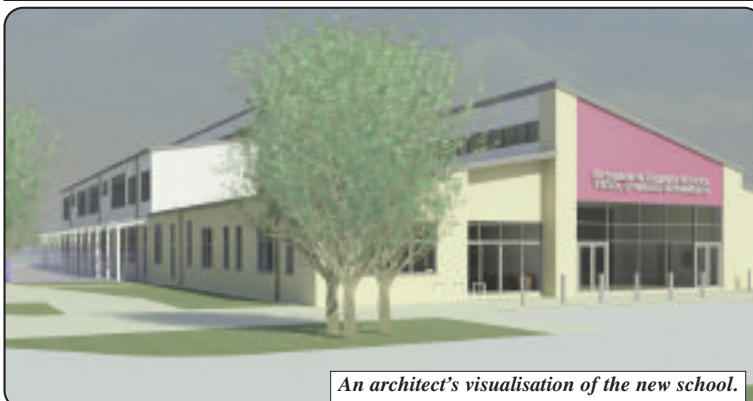
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## WORK COMMENCES ON NEW BRYNMENYN PRIMARY SCHOOL



An architect's visualisation of the new school.

**A 'GROUND-BREAKING' ceremony has been held to mark the start of construction work on the new Brynmelyn Primary School.**

The school is being relocated less than a mile away from its current home on Bryn Road to the former site of Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School next to Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen. The new school is due to open in spring 2018 and will cost of £8.15m. The project is being jointly funded by Bridgend County

Borough Council (BCBC) and the Welsh Government's 21st century schools programme.

Brynmelyn Primary School is being relocated because the current site is unsuitable for expansion and surrounded by common land. There are also significant issues with traffic congestion outside the current Brynmelyn Primary School.

The new school will be bigger with modern facilities and will help the council cope with a rising demand for school places in the Valleys Gateway area for years to come.

The new school will be built to BREEAM 'excellent' standards of sustainability, using more than 15 per cent of recycled materials.

Among those present for the ground-breaking ceremony – an ancient tradition held to mark the start of building work – were a group of Brynmelyn pupils who are 'Building Ambassadors'.

Explaining their role, headteacher Clare Dale said: "Voted for by their peers, our building ambassadors will have a very important role to play in the coming months. They will visit the site regularly, update

the rest of the school on progress, and will share their ideas for the interior design, colours, etc."

Brynmelyn School started as a Council Infants School at Betharan Vestry on October 18, 1909, and the present school building opened its doors on January 13, 1913.

Historical items from the existing school will be incorporated into the new school where possible. For example, the school has a memorial to Sarah Jane Howell, a former assistant teacher who died saving a pupil from drowning in the river in 1911.

## Exercise referral scheme has 'impact' in Bridgend

**NOW into its tenth year, the National Exercise Referral Scheme has reportedly helped make physical activity a new way of life for thousands of people with health problems in Bridgend county borough.**

The Welsh Government-funded initiative allows people with certain medical conditions to be referred by their doctors to take part in activities at local leisure centres.

Participants follow a 16-week exercise programme and classes are tailored specifically to help with cardiac issues, low back pain, weight management, lung conditions, strength and balance, and joint problems.

Water-based hydro gym classes are particularly effective for orthopaedic problems, while certain classes are targeted at people affected by stroke. Bridgend county borough is also one of a few areas in Wales selected to run a pilot programme for Parkinson's referrals.

The scheme is run locally by Bridgend County Borough Council in partnership with Halo Leisure, and during the last year alone, 1,871 local residents were

referred.

Rebecca Evans AM, Minister for Social Services and Public Health, who visited the Bridgend Life Centre recently, said: "It was great to see first-hand how the National Exercise Referral Scheme is supporting people to manage their long-term conditions. Through locating exercise classes, a library and children's play facilities all under one roof, the centre is helping residents to be socially active too."

Coun Huw David, the Leader of Bridgend County Borough Council who is also the WLGA

spokesperson for health and social care, said: "This scheme has shown that making exercise a key part of your weekly routine can work wonders for your overall health and help to prevent certain conditions from deteriorating."

*The National Exercise Referral Scheme is available throughout Bridgend county borough. If you are aged over 17 years old and feel that you would benefit from the scheme, speak to your GP or practice nurse.*

*To find out more about activities at local leisure centres, please visit [www.haloleisure.co.uk](http://www.haloleisure.co.uk).*

## Sweet Valentine's success in Pencoed

**MS McMAHON and year-11 MLD pupils organised a Valentine's Day themed coffee morning on February 16 for the families of pupils in the MLD base at Pencoed Comprehensive School.**

There was a good turnout, and staff and pupils enjoyed the opportunity to chat. One of the pupils, and his mum, were definitely our 'star bakers' with their heart-shaped cake! AP





## NOTHING CONTRARY ABOUT HOW THIS GARDEN GROWS!

A CHARITY that provides help to the people of Bridgend is to develop its community garden and growing area, thanks to the local Tesco Extra store.

The Bridge Mentoring Plus Scheme was founded in 2002 to try and prevent local youngsters drifting into a life of crime or becoming socially excluded.

It provides training, volunteering and mentoring from its base in Dunraven Place and is open to all members of the community.

The donation from the Tesco Extra store on Cowbridge Road has helped to set up the new garden project at the centre, encouraging people to grow their own fruit, vegetables and flowers as well as teaching children about where the food on their plates comes from.



Tesco's Community Champion Nicky Elward (left) with staff and volunteers of The Bridge Mentoring Plus Scheme.

Tesco Bridgend Extra store manager Ray Russell said: "The Bridge Mentoring Plus Scheme does some fantastic work in the local community and we are pleased to be able to help them with this scheme and with the wider projects it delivers."

## Superfast broadband campaign launched

A CAMPAIGN to demonstrate how superfast broadband can change lives was launched on February 16 in Bridgend.

With the majority of Bridgend residents now having the ability to access the service, the Welsh Government-run campaign will showcase how superfast broadband is 'transforming the way people work, learn.' Campaign organisers will be working with libraries, schools and community centres in

Bridgend and attending McArthur Glen shopping centre on March 17 and Maesteg Market on March 31.

Most of Wales now has faster broadband, but a percentage of premises are not yet able to access it. Assistance is also available for them on the Welsh Government website or by contacting the Welsh Government broadband team.

To find out what broadband is available, visit [www.gov.wales/broadband](http://www.gov.wales/broadband).

## FARMERS' MARKET

THE monthly Farmers' Market in Porthcawl will take place this Saturday, February 26 at the Griffin Park Community Hall in New Road, from 9.30am-12.30pm.

The usual range of locally produced foods and craft products will be available. Cerdin Foods with their range of speciality cakes, pastries and bread.

## The Newton and Pencoe Guides help shape the future of the movement

GIRLS and young women from 1st Newton Guides and 2nd Pencoe Guides joined more than 70 other guides at a sleepover.

Emily Smith (13) and Leonora Breheny (13), from 1st Newton Guides along with Sacha Hopkins (13), Rosie Matthews (14), Carys Mead (14), Nia Evans (14) and Eva Evans (14), attended the sleep-over at Boulders Indoor Climbing venue in Cardiff earlier this month.

The participants, aged from 12 to 25, took the opportunity to test themselves with climbing trails and challenges scaling heights of up to 12 metres.

There was also a chance to relax and make new friends with a cinema, karaoke and a photo booth!

As well as challenging their agility, there were opportunities to take part in workshops with Dyfodol y Ddraig - Girlguiding Cymru's youth forum, to plan future events in Wales for Guides and discuss how members can have more opportunities to take action in their local communities.



Louise Folen, south Wales event co-ordinator for the youth forum, said: "It's been wonderful to see these girls and young women from all over Wales come together and try something new. Everyone has been able to choose their challenge and try new activities. "What they tell us will shape the plans for Girlguiding Cymru in the future - it's so important to have the voices of girls and young women at the heart of our future plans."

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# AM praises work of 'Men's Shed' movement



**ABOVE and RIGHT:**  
The Men's Shed movement in Bridgend has also received support including from Regional AM Suzy Davies (right). Photo above by Mandy Thomas - www.mandythomasphotography.com



**ORGANISING networks of social activities based in 'garden sheds' can help men share company and escape the stresses of modern life, said Ogmores AM Huw Irranca-Davies.**

Speaking at the National Assembly, he said he wanted to draw attention to the work of an organisation called 'Men's Sheds Cymru' and the men's shed movement.

Men's Sheds Cymru is looking to establish social groups or enterprises in local communities throughout Wales.

They are self-governed, self-supporting and sustainable with a small committee, their own individual constitution and their own income.

Mr Irranca-Davies said the original concept of running men's sheds on a structured basis was established in Australia 11 years ago to help improve men's health

and well-being and to assist in tackling social isolation.

He said the 'Squirrel's Nest' in Tondur is home to the first workingmen's shed in Wales, and that since its inception in 2002 he and other AMs have had the pleasure of visiting it on a number of occasions.

He said: "There are currently 34 men's sheds in Wales, including Maesteg ShedQuarters.

"They have access via an official website to expert advice on writing a constitution, funding ideas, understanding health and safety and help with insurance."

Mr Irranca-Davies said efforts are being made to set up a co-operative as the main sheds association in Wales, enabling it to become a community benefit society.

He said: "It will be yet another first for Ogmores and for Wales. No two sheds are the same.

"They're as individual and diverse as the original back garden shed, a place where men can escape from the stresses of everyday life, to escape, too, to pursue their interests.

"Storytellers, crafters making music and amateur radio enthusiasts can all be accommodated.

"But, crucially, it's a place where isolation and loneliness are addressed in a friendly environment and where men can chat and enjoy each other's company."

**Report by Michael Prosser**

## TREOES VILLAGE RAISES £2,500 TOTAL FOR HOSPITAL



**WITHIN a few weeks of 2017, Treoes villagers have raised almost £2,500 for charity.**

In mid-January, the village held its annual charity event in the village hall and raised more than £2,000 for the Y Bwthyn Newydd MacMillan Specialist Care Unit at the Princess of Wales Hospital. A spokesperson said:

"Thanks to everyone who contributed, especially to Bridgend Fabrics, Terry Reffell, Celtic Tyres and PKS Holiday Villas for offering prizes which were auctioned on the night.

"Thanks must also go to Ogmores Valley Male Voice Choir, which entertained villagers on February 17 and raised £400 towards the restoration of Saron Chapel.

The evening of modern and traditional songs, and comic poetry was enjoyed by all, managed by the conductor Phil Davies and his accompanist, Gareth Waite. Their rendition of 'Hallelujah' was quite exceptional and there was not a dry eye to be found listening to *Les Miserables*' 'Bring Him Home'.

### Porthcawl Bridge Club results

**RECENT results at Porthcawl Bridge Club were:**

Saturday, January 28: First - Eleanor Jones and Winnie Phillips; Second - Marian Evans and Pat Haworth.

Thursday, February 2: First - Keith Davison and Janet Richards; Second - Rob Charlesworth and John Beard.

Saturday, February 4: First - Beth Davies and Dian Jones; Second - Terry Dolan and Marian Evans.

Thursday, February 9: First - Rob Charlesworth and John Beard; Second

- Gary Williams and Pat Haworth.

Saturday, February 11: First - Janet Richards and Tony Haworth; Second - Peter and Sandie Jenkins.

Thursday, February 16: First - Dian Jones and Alwyn Hill; Second - Sue Anthony and Tony Haworth.

The club meets twice a week - Saturday and Thursday at the Awel-y-Mor centre 6.45pm-9.45pm. Visitors welcome at any time.

To contact the club, call the secretary on 01656 785794. **TH**

## LOCAL PACT MEETINGS

**PORHCRAWL EAST CENTRAL PACT**

public meeting at Porthcawl Fire Station, Porthcawl on Tuesday, February 28 at 6.30pm.

**BRACKLA PACT**

public meeting at Brackla Junior School, Brackla Way, on Thursday March 2 at 6.30pm.

**NEWTON PACT**

public meeting at Newton School Rooms, Newton on Tuesday March 7 at 6.30pm.

**MORFA TOWN PACT**

public meeting at Penybont Primary School, Minerva Street on Monday, March 13 6.30pm.

**FELINDRE, HENDRE, PENPRYS (PENCOED) & COYCHURCH PACT**

public meeting at Social Club, Hendre Road, Pencoed, at 7pm, March 15.

**REST BAY & NOTTAGE PACT**

public meeting at Nottage Scout Hall, Nottage on Tuesday, March 14 at 8pm.

**PORHCRAWL WEST CENTRAL PACT**

public meeting at Trinity Church on Tuesday, March 21 at 7pm.

**LITCHARD, PENDRE & COITY PACT**

meeting at Litchard Mission, Litchard on Thursday, March 30 at 7pm.

**NEWCASTLE PACT**

public meeting at Westward Community Centre, on Monday, April 10 at 7.15pm.

**CEFN GLAS, LLANGEWYDD & BRYNHIFYRD PACT**

public meeting at Westward Community Centre, on Tuesday, April 10 at 7.15pm.

**OLDCASTLE PACT**

public meeting at The Library, Brynteg Comprehensive School on Thursday, April 13 at 6pm.

**BRYNTRIRION, LALESTON & MERTHYR MAWR**

PACT public meeting at Laleston Gardening Club, Laleston on Thursday, April 13 at 7pm.

**MORFA WILDMILL PACT**

public meeting at The Community Life Centre, The Precinct, Wildmill on Thursday, May 11 at 6pm.

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# GlastonBARRY 2017 Ross and Matt now want a town to rock around the clock..!

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

**THERE was excitement – and cheers – at Bryn Hafren School on Saturday night when the ‘GlastonBARRY Live Music Festival’ officially announced its lineup for the 2017 event to be held at Romilly Park in July.**

In just five short years, the festival has captured the imagination of the Vale public and become a key date in the British ‘tribute band’ calendar.

The large crowd who gathered at the Bryn Hafren event room were able to hear organisers Matt Blumberg and Ross Mackintosh explain their hopes for this year, and then watch a video presentation of the bands who will play over the weekend July 29 and 30.

The festival capacity has increased this year to 8,000 people over the two days – last year 5,000 people attended.

As the bands were announced on the film presentation, there were cheers and applause.

Ross Mackintosh told The GEM:

“GlastonBARRY 2017 is by far the biggest event we have ever done. We’re working with the best bands we have ever worked with.

“We have a much bigger capacity, and have 12 of the UK’s biggest and best tribute acts plus local support acts over two stages.

“We have kept the prices very low. We have done a lot of research and you won’t find a more reasonably priced tribute festival in the whole of the UK! Just to put our prices into context, one of our bands this year is charging £25 to see them individually on their UK tour, with GlastonBARRY you get to see them plus all the other bands over the whole two days for the same price!”

Matt Blumberg said: “We are both blown away by the support and response we have had for GlastonBARRY over the past five years.

“It’s really caught the imagination of everyone in south Wales and we have people travelling from all around the UK to attend.

“In previous years we’ve even had people flying in from California, New Zealand, Spain and Tonga



Ross and Matt of Mack Events.

attend the festival. It’s quite amazing.”

So what are the highlights of this year’s lineup? Well, Prince tribute band – ‘Purple Rain’; 11 piece band – ‘The Stevie Wonder Experience’; David Bowie tribute – ‘Absolute Bowie’; Oasis tribute – ‘Oasish’; UB40 tribute – ‘Johnny2Bad’; ACDC tribute – ‘ACDC UK’; Kings of Leon tribute – ‘The Four Kicks’; The Jam tribute ‘The Jamd’; Stereophonics tribute – ‘Stereotronics’; Bryan Adams tribute – ‘The Bryan Adams Effect’; The Verve tribute – ‘Verve UK’; Ska tribute - TBC; and back by popular demand from London’s West End – ‘The Valli Boys’.

Ross and Matt are also promising some special guests over the weekend too.

For ticket information go to [www.glastonbarry.com](http://www.glastonbarry.com); call the Box Office at 01446 737339; or call in at The Piccolo Bar, Barry Island.

*Below: Ross and Matt’s families and friends were keen to find out how ambitious GlastonBARRY would be this year.*



## LLANGAN SCHOOL

CHILDREN from Llangan School had a fabulous time when they took part in the Welsh Schools table tennis championships at Sophia Gardens in Cardiff in February 14.

Llangan came third out of 29 other schools that took part. Comments from other competitors included: “Our children were a credit to their school”.

## SUCCESSFUL NIGHT

TREOES village hall was the venue for a concert on Friday, February 17 by Ogmore Valley Male Voice Choir.

A big thank you to all those who supported the event. The profit from this concert (£400) will go to



## COMMUNITY NEWS

TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL

Your local correspondent is Nancy Davidge, “Tynewydd”, Llangan. (01656) 860303

February 19 was very well attended with residents from Saron’s home village Treoes, St Mary Hill and Llangan.

It was a special occasion for Treoes resident, Mrs Nina West, who this week celebrated her 96th birthday.

## GET WELL

ALL members of the Young at Heart Club are sending a message to club stalwart, Jean Thomas, for a full recovery from her illness, following a fall at her Treoes home.

Saron Chapel, Treoes, for the much-needed repairs which should begin in the near future.

## CHAPEL SERVICE

THE service which took place on Sunday,

# Pub chef is found guilty of murder

REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

**A PUB chef who murdered a Chinese student in her own home has been jailed for life at Cardiff Crown Court, with a direction that he serve a minimum of 18 years.**

Jordan Matthews (24), who had worked at The Highwayman pub and lived in the Rhose area for a period, had “ripped out the heart of the family”.

Xixi Bi, also 24, was studying in Cardiff for a master’s degree in international hospitality and events management.

Matthews beat her to death in the flat they shared in Ely Road, Llandaff, in a “vicious, sustained and prolonged attack,” said prosecutor Paul Lewis QC.

Matthews, who had no previous convictions, was found guilty of murder after the jury retired for five hours over two days.

He was described as “jealous, manipulative and possessive.”

Passing sentence, Mrs Justice Nicola Davies said the victim was a much-loved daughter, sister and granddaughter who had been described as “lovely, beautiful inside and out”.

He said Matthews began his relationship with her in April 2015, and moved into her apartment. The relationship ended with her murder on August 19 last year.

From about 1.30am on that day, he subjected her to a severe and sustained assault, inflicting 41 injuries as a result of dozens of impacts, including three using a rod-like weapon.

Said the Judge: “You broke Xixi’s right jaw, fractured two ribs and inflicted severe bruising, which covered at least one third of her body.”

In the early hours of August 19, a neighbour heard a male shouting: “Why do you keep doing this?”, heard bangs like a thud and a female crying and whining.

The victim, said the Judge, was generous and loving, the daughter of wealthy parents living in China. She provided Matthews, who had nothing, with a home, clothing and a car.

“You took what she gave and introduced her to cannabis when she had been strongly anti-drug.”

She said that in the past he had assaulted her and was heard to say: “I don’t want to do this, I’ve got to punish you for what you’ve done,” and threatened to

kill her.

In July of last year, she was admitted to hospital with a fractured left jaw.

Post mortem examination, said the Judge, revealed nine previously fractured ribs that could have been sustained at the same time as the broken jaw.

The Judge said that on the evidence, she was satisfied that over a period of months he regularly subjected her to physical and verbal abuse.

She said he accepted full responsibility for the death and indicated that he deserved whatever sentence was passed.

He denied, she said, any intention to kill or cause Xixi serious injury.

She said he had attempted to adapt his case with the evidence, but the jury didn’t believe him and when interviewed by the police “lied and lied again”.

Said the Judge, he had relentlessly and remorselessly inflicted physical injury on a defenceless woman who was 5’1 tall and weighed just 7st 9lbs.

In a victim impact statement by her brother, on behalf of the family, he indicated that she was in line to run the family company, a multi-million pound concern.

It was stated that her father now suffers depression and locks himself away, and every day it was hard for the family to function. Her mother had threatened suicide.

It added: “The very heart has been ripped out of my family.”

Her brother added that no sentence would reflect the pain and heartache they had suffered.

Matthews’ counsel, Christopher Henry QC said that the defendant accepted any sentence that could be passed and also accepted his treatment of her was atrocious.

The Judge passed her sincere condolences to the victim’s family and commended the South Wales Police team for their “careful and intelligent” investigation.

# Law firm welcomes Bridgend expansion



**RIGHT:**  
(From left to right):  
Gaynor Voake,  
Rosa Fernandez,  
and Sarah Perkins,  
have joined the expanded team at CJCH Solicitors at their Bridgend office.

**FAST-GROWING** South Wales law firm CJCH Solicitors has expanded the team at its Bridgend office in Dunraven Place, incorporating Wales’ oldest law firm, Gaskell and Walker Solicitors.

Gaynor Voake joins CJCH from Sian Thomas and Daughter, after spending some 15 years in Bridgend with Gaskell and Walker and specialises in all types of conveyancing.

Sarah Perkins is an expert in matrimonial law with many years’ experience and lives locally in Kenfig Hill.

The firm also recently opened new headquarters in central Cardiff, and its international business is growing rapidly, especially in the field of intellectual property.

Further information on the firm is available at [www.cjchsolicitors.co.uk](http://www.cjchsolicitors.co.uk).



## Ramblers encounter drizzle, mist and mud

**TWENTY** members of the Vale of Glamorgan Ramblers group turned out on a drizzly, misty Sunday, for a local walk led by Pete Lane – details of which are available to download off the Valeways website [www.valeways.org.uk](http://www.valeways.org.uk)

The walk was part of the Six Villages walk in the Vale of Glamorgan, but due to the muddy conditions on some of the paths, the group only completed five.

Starting at Llyswoerney, the group then crossed some fields to bring them out at Pentre Meyrick – village number two. There was some road walking

along the busy main road, and diverting off, we made our way down a very muddy bridleway, before entering village number three – Llangan, where there is still evidence of its lead mining history in the prominent chimney stack.

Leaving this pretty village behind, we crossed the fields to bring us once again to cross the busy A48. By this time, we were fed up with mud (!) so we walked along the road to village number four – Colwinston.

It was a shame that it was so misty, as I'm sure we would have had some lovely views, but it is heartening to see that spring is on its way with the abundance of snowdrops, daffodils and crocus that were everywhere.

Leaving Colwinston behind, we made our way over the fields to village number five, Llandow, before making our way back to the start. The post walk drink was at The Carne Arms.

For further information, visit [www.valeofglamorganramblers.co.uk](http://www.valeofglamorganramblers.co.uk) or follow us on Facebook.

**Gwenda Fitzpatrick**  
Vale of Glamorgan Ramblers

## News in and out of class from Barry Comprehensive School

**BARRY** Comprehensive School is hoping to offer 'politics' as a subject course from next year onwards and has been visited by the Political Studies Association and Alun Cairns, MP, to give pupils an insight into what could be in store for them.

Twelve pupils from the fifth and sixth form (Year 11 and Year 12) sat down for a round table discussion with Mr Cairns and Professor Einion Dafydd from Cardiff University, to discuss issues in politics.

The main topic of discussion was Brexit, with particular focus on trade deals. One pupil expressed worries about the British meat market in relation to a trade deal with New Zealand.

Another raised concerns about Ford moving their engine factory out of Bridgend if a satisfactory trade deal could not be made with the remaining member states of the EU.

Mr Cairns expressed his confidence in the UK Government's ability to negotiate a good deal for Britain with the remaining states of the EU, reminding pupils of

the UK's trade deficit with the continent and the fragmented nature of decision making within the bloc.

Professor Dafydd gave the alternative view to the pupils, and talked about issues surrounding Brexit from the perspective of the devolved administrations.

The Vale MP was also quizzed on his voting record in Parliament, with one of the pupils taking on the style of Jeremy Paxman to put Mr Cairns on the spot about controversial votes in the Commons.

Alun Cairns said: "It was a pleasure to bring the Political Studies Association to Barry Comprehensive so that the pupils could get a taste of engaging with

politics before it is available for study next year. The pupils had done their research and asked some excellent questions."

Professor Einion Dafydd, lecturer in Parliamentary Studies at the University of Cardiff, said: "It was refreshing to see how eager these students were to engage with the key issues facing society: how those in power should respond to the challenges that we currently face, how we should expect our elected representatives to act, and how Wales should be governed following Brexit."

"The devolved institutions in Wales are becoming increasingly important: they make

laws and provide a range of public services. It's essential that citizens of all ages have a good understanding of how the democratic decision-making process works."

The Political Studies Association's Interim CEO, Sarah Brown, said: "The Political Studies Association is

passionate about developing the study of politics in schools, and I am delighted to see Alun Cairns supporting us."

"Access to those working at the very heart of politics is essential in bringing political science off the page and into the lives of young people."

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## Praise for Welsh NHS

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My appointment was on time, I had an ECG, my blood pressure was taken, my weight and height were checked.

I was given a heart scan by a consultant who gave me a comprehensive explanation of my condition.

Everyone was polite, friendly and efficient. I am one very satisfied patient of the NHS.

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## 'Thank you to the Good Samaritans'

**O**N Monday, February 3, I was

walking from Claude Road to Jenner Road via Beddlington Terrace to visit my father in Springbank Nursing Home

when I tripped and fell.

I was bleeding a lot, and couldn't move to get up.

Via your newspaper, I would like to thank all those people who stopped and helped me at that time. I am very grateful to them all. Mrs Diane Hooper, Barry.

## Snared badger released to wild

**A BADGER** rescued from a snare by RSPCA Cymru has been released back to the wild, in the Vale.

RSPCA Cymru found the badger, in a Barry field, trapped in a snare next to a fence. The

snare was caught around her neck, and wounds were visible on the animal's body. However, after a spell in specialist care, the badger made a full recovery.

She was returned safely back to the wild by RSPCA inspector Gemma Black in the early evening of February 16.

RSPCA inspector Selina Chan, who undertook the initial rescue, said: "It's always fantastic to have a happy ending, and it's amazing that this badger is back where she belongs after this ordeal."

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## Ploughing and hedging society sets match date

**THE** Vale of Glamorgan Ploughing & Hedging Society held a committee meeting at the Six Bells Inn, Penmark on Thursday, February 16.

Chairman, Andrew Studley, said he was pleased to see a number of young farmers attending the meeting, which bodes well for the future of the society.

The main item on the agenda was the spring ploughing match to be staged at Gileston Farm, Gileston on Saturday, March 25, by permission of RM Thomas. A practice day will be held on Sunday, March 19 at the same site.

The ploughing match will have six classes, plus the Ferguson T20 class.

All entry forms must be in by March 19 so that the programme can be confirmed. Competitors can obtain entry forms from the chairman on 01446 781229 or secretary 01446 710610/07976 950680.

The gates will be open at 10am for the public to attend the match and the entrance fee will be £5 for adults - children and paid-up members of the society will have free entry.

From 2018, the Vale of



Glamorgan Ploughing & Hedging Society will be given qualifying status for the Welsh Ploughing Association, so that competitors can qualify to represent Wales at regional and international events.

## ANNUAL HEDGE CUTTING EVENT

**THE** Vale of Glamorgan Ploughing & Hedging Society held the annual hedge cutting event at Llandow on Saturday, January 18, by permission of John Morgan.

The judge was Mr E Hardy and the sponsor was J Edwards & Son, Sigginstone. The winner

of the event was

Matthew Popem, second

chairman.

The chairman, Andrew Studley, thanked John Thomas of Gileston Farm and his team of helpers for organising the event.

All those taking part were complimented on the high standard of workmanship in the event.

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# BIG LOTTERY FUNDS FOR WATERSPORTS ON MOLE

**LOCAL charity, the Ocean Watersports Trust, has won Big Lottery funding to progress the design for the Barry Community Water Activity Centre, on the Mole in Barry Docks.**

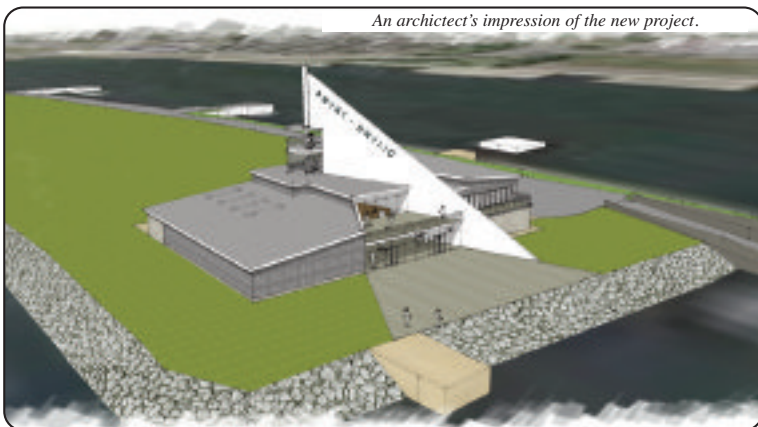
The funding allows for the second phase of the concept building to proceed, and enables the Trust to use professional resources to complete the design, determine costing and submit planning applications that will eventually result in a major development, providing an iconic structure at the heart of our town.

The present design was the winner in an architectural competition in 2015 and can now be fully developed by the successful firm, Richard Andrews Architects of Newport.

The building will provide a community centre, available for all varieties of activities, including educational use, receptions, meetings and many other social purposes, alongside the Water Activity Centre, which already offers many water-based opportunities.

Chairman of the Trust, Chris Basten, stated that the Big Lottery has given the Ocean Watersports Trust an opening to add to the work already completed, which includes the provision of a slipway, and teaching and changing rooms.

He added that when we started this project a mere four years ago, we expected to make the centre available



An architect's impression of the new project.

to six voluntary groups, but there were now 27 using the site, some 1,700 people.

He stressed that none of the work done so far, or that which would be carried out in the future, could have been done without the support of the people of Barry, who, by just completing surveys, or vocally supporting the project, have been a major element in getting to this point. He was certain that they would be rewarded by the provision of the new Community Centre, and make use of it for years to come.

However, more money needs to be raised, and the Trust invites anyone interested to contact the treasurer (01446 741733 or the secretary (07928 420080) who will be delighted to help you in advising how you can help with the project, either financially or by volunteering to help run the centre.

## Friends and Neighbours

**FRIENDS and Neighbours in Barry, met at Beryl Road Pioneer Hall recently, with more than 50 members having a fun afternoon.**

They all enjoyed taking part in gentle, keep fit exercises to music with an Extend teacher from Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop.

Information was given out on a forthcoming trip, 'A Taste of Wales' on Brecon Canal with

lunch and a visit to Brecon town.

Members have been invited to visit the Houses of Parliament by Alun Cairns MP in May. They will also be having lunch in March at the Glamorgan Suite of Barry College.

Gay Fifield also informed the group that FAN who meet at Barry Library are not connected with Friends and Neighbours, to avoid any confusion.

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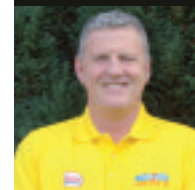
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Sir David Omand (second from left, front row) met students from Howell's School during his visit to Cardiff.

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With the involvement of a double agent, Mary's letters, smuggled out of her Chartley residence in a beer barrel, were seized and decoded, leading to the execution of her co-conspirators and Mary herself.

Many of the spies recruited by Walsingham were graduates from Oxford or Cambridge Universities, as was Sir David, who joined GCHQ straight from the

latter and was instructed to tell his friends and family that he was working for the Civil Service on information technology.

Members were intrigued to learn how the UK intelligence services have to deal with the ever-increasing sophistication of threats to our security.



Pictured are: Derek Morgan, Sir David Omand, Anne Morgan, and Sir Norman Lloyd-Edwards.

As one might expect, question time provoked a range of issues, from the impact of Brexit on European intelligence gathering to the likely effect of the policies of the newly-appointed President of the USA, and all were answered with the assured knowledge of a master of his craft.

The next event will be held on April 28 at 12.30pm, when Lord Butler of Brockwell speaks on 'Life with Five Prime Ministers' at the Cardiff City Stadium. Further information from Derek Morgan, branch chairman, at [dwcaym@googlemail.com](mailto:dwcaym@googlemail.com). DM

## WHAT'S ON / NEWS IN BRIEF

### AM's surgery

Vale AM Jane Hutt will be holding a surgery on February 24th from 10-11am at the Heritage Centre Town Hall Llantwit Major CF62 1SD

No appointment necessary.

### Councillors' surgery

COUNS Geoff Cox, Hunter Jarvie and Andrew Parker, Cowbridge Ward members on the Vale Council, will be holding a surgery on Saturday, February 25 from 11am-12.30pm in the Robing Room, Cowbridge Town Hall (west door entrance).

Appointments are not necessary.

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## SPECIAL FEATURE

# Daniel reveals the secret of how to get to 101!

**A** highly-decorated former Royal Engineer, celebrating his 101st birthday, says the secret to reaching over a century is keeping fit and having a good diet.

Centenarian Daniel Rosewell is the first permanent resident to live at Tŷ Llandaff, an 'all-inclusive', residential, nursing, palliative and respite care home, which recently opened in Cardiff.

The care home caught the attention of the national media when it opened its doors because of the luxurious facilities it offers residents, which include a cinema, piano bar, spa, hair salon and fine dining provided by the on-site chef.

Daniel celebrated his big day with a family lunch at Cedar Tree Farm in Ferry Road, followed by a party in the evening at Peterstone Lakes Golf Club in Peterstone Wentloog, which more



**DANIEL ROSEWELL:**  
"Everything in moderation!"

than 60 people attended. The Army hero was chauffeur-driven to the golf club in a vintage 1934 Armstrong Siddeley car.

Daniel, who was born in Roath, Cardiff, fought for the duration of the Second World War, seeing action against the Germans and Italians in Africa and Europe before

returning home in 1945. He married Betty in 1939 and the couple were together for 78 years. He had three children, the first of whom was six months old when he went to war. By the time Danny returned to England, his baby son, Paul, was six.

Brave Daniel received five medals, including the

Defence Medal, Italy Star, Africa Star, 1939-45 Star and 1939-45 Medal. When he left the Army, he continued to work in engineering and also owned his own furniture removals business.

Daniel has always been keen on keeping fit and played indoor bowls until he was 90. Asked what the secret

might be to living to 101, he said: "I've always led an active life and eaten well, so maybe that's the secret, although everything in moderation!"

"I broke my arm and had a chest infection so am now at Tŷ Llandaff, as it seemed the perfect choice. I'm honoured to be its first resident! It is ideal for me, because it's a good location for my family and friends to come and see me. The food is marvellous, top of the bill, and the staff are wonderful."

Janice Evans, care home manager at Tŷ Llandaff, said: "We are so pleased to welcome Daniel as our first permanent resident at Tŷ Llandaff."

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## CHILLY STARTS – and then came snow and sleet!

**G**ERAINT from Penarth and District Ramblers, played host to eight walkers meeting at Margam Park on a chilly morning, before tramping along muddy paths and steeply uphill through bare woodland, in the throes of tree felling, to emerge at Cwm Brombil.

Following a stream among moss-covered, twisted trees and arriving above the Brombil reservoir with its amazing blue water, snowflakes fell silently onto frozen tracks and pools as the wide forestry paths led them uphill through a deforested area.

Enjoying misty views over Port Talbot and the Bristol Channel from a clearing before pausing for morning coffee, then continuing through Margam Forest, a fellow walker coming in the opposite direction turned out to be from Cowbridge and reads about the group's exploits in The GEM!

Passing the Forestry Commission's memorial to Billy Vaughan, and following St Illtyd's Walk to reach the ancient Latin-inscribed Bodvoc Stone before turning south, the views opened out towards Kenfig Pool and Eglwys Nunydd reservoir.

A grassy open track afforded misty views along to the Bro Stone overlooking Margam Country Park, a short walk led up to the Iron Age hillfort of Mynydd Y Castell, situated directly above Margam Castle that was followed by a gradual descent back to the start.

The following day, Jan and John welcomed two new walkers to their group of six and travelling to Fforest Fawr, set off on a cold damp morning with occasional showers to view the Sculpture Trail, which invites children to make up stories involving the characters in the woods, including dragons and a wizard. Heading towards

Castell Coch, designed by William Burges as a romantic folly for the Bute family during the 1870s, part of the Taff Trail led them along the dismantled railway line and a stop for refreshments.

Then, climbing gradually up the hillside as the mist lifted, there were views towards Pontypridd, Pen y Fan in the central Beacons and Caerphilly, but upon reaching the summit of Craig yr Allt, the skies darkened, the mist thickened and snow and sleet battered them as they walked along the ridgeway.

After locating the shape of Caerphilly Castle through the gloom, before making their way downhill past Rockwood Riding Centre, a road-walk led them back to their start point.

On February 25, meet at 8.30am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 10-mile hard walk from Garwnant Visitor Centre taking in Mynydd-y-Glog; contact Barrie on 029 2053 0753.

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# Out & About with The GEM

## Keanu Reeves shines as John Wick sequel strikes the target...



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### 'Light up the Lakes' with Bloodwise

**BLOOD** cancer charity Bloodwise is planning its very first Balloon Walk in Wales.

Light up the Lakes' will take place on March 25 at Cosmeston Lakes, Penarth, and energy company, Western Power Distribution is lending its support to the event. Each participant will be given a lit up Bloodwise balloon to light up the lakes as they walk.

The walk starts at 4pm and participants need to register in advance. It's free to enter – the charity is asking that participants raise as much sponsorship as they can to help fund vital research into blood cancers. All money raised goes directly towards the charity's life-saving research and patient support services.

Rachael Davies, regional manager for

**K** EANU REEVES has always had the short end of the stick when it comes to his perceived acting ability. Criticised for not showing enough range, and in some cases being more wooden than a log, Reeves has nonetheless parlayed his 'limited' range into successes like *Point Break*, *The Matrix* and, in what seemed to be a late career renaissance,

**John Wick.**

A surprise hit that saw Reeves essay the title role of a hit-man who goes after the men who (stupidly) stole his car and killed his dog, the film eschewed its B-movie origins to become a critical and commercial hit – unsurprisingly then that Reeves returns in *John Wick: Chapter 2*.

This time around, Wick gets his hands dirty to help an old friend – but in doing so, he ends up with a bounty on his head. With most of the hit-world after him, Wick can either fight or fly – and there wouldn't be a film if he took flight...

What was most refreshing about *John Wick* was that it was unashamedly an action film dealing in largesse and a heightened world where assassins would stay in a hotel together and go after men who stole their cars and killed their dogs.

*John Wick: Chapter 2* could so easily have gone down the route of being darker, more serious and po-faced, such is the way with any number sequels.

However, what you end up watching is a film that is not only smartly aware of its own ludicrousness, delivered with a knowing wink that makes for an enjoyably thrilling watch, but is also visually electrifying, the sheer visceral innovation of the set-pieces a joy to watch.

Writer Derek Kolstad has created a world within itself, one where everybody has links to the hit-game, and such depth and attention to detail means this is far

more than just your average glossy action film; there are stakes, there are rules to be obeyed and there is a sense of a wider universe that feels incredibly well-thought out and refreshing.

The script isn't exactly reinventing the wheel, packed full of the kind of 'one-last-job' clichés you tend to find in these films, but what does engage is this sense of a larger picture and the way it's all woven together – its rare to see such smarts exercised in this genre.

Director Chad Stahelski returns solo this time around, having helmed the previous film with David Leitch (who has gone on to prepare to direct *Deadpool 2*), but Stahelski's background in stunt performing (he has been Keanu Reeves' stunt double in numerous films) and action co-ordination means that the film loses none of its visual impact.

Hard-hitting, brutal and with quite a large amount of bloodshed, this is a violent film, but the artistry of the set-pieces is mesmeric to watch.

Single-take scenes are choreographed with aplomb and energy, while a climactic scene set in a hall of mirrors-like structure deserves plaudits as much for the technical challenges the crew would have faced as for the balletic action. Stahelski gives the film verve and spark, meaning that film's two-hour running time never feels too padded out.

It's not the sort of film where you expect to see exceptional

performances, but what Keanu Reeves may lack in depth, performance-wise, he makes up for in sheer physical presence. His commitment to the physical element of the role is excellent, and his stoicism and few words make Wick an indelible character.

Around him the likes of Ian McShane, Lance Reddick and Laurence Fishburne give a sheen of class, while Riccardo Scamarcio's hammy villain plays to genre type if nothing else.

But ultimately, the judgement of *John Wick: Chapter 2* hangs on its ability to deliver high-octane action sequences, thrills and spills; and it does this with no little style. The sense of world building gives the characters, if not necessarily the story, added depth, and it all adds up to a thoroughly satisfying sequel. With a third chapter hinted at, we may be seeing more of John Wick soon.

**VERDICT:** A more-than-welcome return, *John Wick: Chapter 2* is an unabashed action film, and makes no pretence to be anything more than that, but comes with a depth and a visual style that is more appealing. Keanu Reeves' stoic, physical performance is the centrepiece, but Chad Stahelski's direction gives the film a visual urgency that is quite enthralling.

*Recommended.*

**SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED:** *John Wick* (2014), *Fast & Furious* (2013).

### Beach clean-up

**FRIENDS of Barry Beaches'** next litter pick will be on **Sunday (February 26)** at **Whitmore Bay, Barry Island.** **Volunteers should meet near Marco's Cafe at 3pm.**

Litter pickers and bags are provided, but would volunteers please wear suitable clothing and footwear. Children are always welcome, but we ask that they are accompanied by an adult.

We look forward to welcoming volunteers, old and new to help keep Barry's beaches clean.

### Renowned gardener coming to Cowbridge

**ON Wednesday, March 8, Cowbridge Physic Garden will hold its annual general meeting in the St Quentin's Suite of the Bear Hotel.**

At 7pm, after the AGM, a very special speaker has been invited to talk on her garden and gardening experiences.

Helen Picton is the third generation of her

family to nurture and maintain Picton Gardens near Malvern. The garden is world famous for its collection of Michaelmas Daisies and the trustees of the Physic Garden are delighted that she has agreed to share her knowledge with all keen gardeners in the Vale.

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## What's on and where in Bridgend and the Vale

### History society talk

**RHOOSE and District History Society** will hold a talk by **Philip Wilson** on various aspects of **Tredegar House on Friday, February 24 at 7.30pm** in the rear hall of **Rhoose Community Centre, Stewart Road, Rhoose.**

Tickets (£1 adults, children 50p) available on the door.

### Councillors' surgery

**COUNS** Geoff Cox, Hunter Jarvie and Andrew Parker, Cowbridge Ward members on the Vale Council, will be holding a surgery on **Saturday, February 25 from 11am-12.30pm** in the **Robing Room, Cowbridge Town Hall (west door entrance).**

Appointments are not necessary.

### Care and Repair

**IF** you are a home owner or tenant living in the Vale, disabled and needing advice and support on repairs or home improvements, **Care and Repair in Vale** can help you to adapt and maintain your home, give advice on grants available and also give information on reputable companies to use.

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a drop-in session on **Tuesday, February 28 from 10am to 12pm.**

This will be held at The Age Connects Senior Health Shop in Barry.

No appointment needed: contact 01446 732385 for further information.

### N E S T

**programme**  
DO you need help with your energy bills, free and impartial advice on cutting them?

### Lent lunches

**ALL Saints' Church, Park Road, Barry,** invite you to enjoy some good company and food at their **Lent Lunches**, to be held in the Church Hall from **12pm to 1.30pm** on four successive **Thursdays: March 2, 9, 16, 23.**

Lunch will include soup, crusty bread, a selection of cheeses and tea or coffee for £5-a-head, including a free raffle.

All proceeds to church funds. Everyone is welcome.

Find out if you are eligible for a free home improvement grant through Welsh Government's NEST programme.

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a surgery at the Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry on **Tuesday, February 28 from 10am to 12pm.**

No appointment is needed, just come along and chat to one of the advisers from the NEST programme. Home visits can be arranged if necessary; contact 08088 082244. For further information call 01446 732385.

### Cowbridge Royal British Legion

**THE** next meeting of the Cowbridge and District Branch of the Royal British Legion will take place in the **Duke of Wellington on Tuesday, March 7 starting at 7.30pm.**

The RBL area manager for Wales, Mr Anthony Metcalfe, will be attending to meet members. All branch members are encouraged to attend and anybody who is not a member will also be made most welcome.

### Fundraising U r d d Eisteddfod concert

**A CONCERT** will be held at **Porthcawl Pavilion on St David's Day, March 1, when the Morriston Orpheus Choir, together with soprano Angharad Rees, Bridgend Youth Theatre, Porthcawl Comprehensive Senior Choir and Aelwyd Porthcawl will be appearing.**

### Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

**THE** following are winning numbers in the **Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery** draw number **D971.**

● **£2,000:** 607335.

● **The rollover, which now stands at £2,500, was not won this week.**

● **£10:** 109948, 152656, 826041, 301947, 954519, 630524, 445304, 478402, 504571, 392702, 349633, 839914, 372053, 475988, 645494, 411086, 465939, 225214, 628113, 962155, 938040, 1537735.

● **£5:** 587775, 558295, 460508, 185065, 224861, 553697, 594192, 775284,

The concert will raise funds for the Urd national eisteddfod from Bridgend and district; tickets available from the box office or online.

**Tax advice**  
**DO** you worry about your tax affairs? Do you know if you are paying the correct amount? Are you nervous about approaching the Inland Revenue?

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a free tax advice session at the Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. This will be held on **Monday, February 27, 9.30am to 11.30am**; no appointment necessary.

Call 01446 732385 for further information. Home visits can be arranged.

### Councillor's surgery

**RHOOSE** councillor **Adam Riley** will hold an advice surgery at the **Celtic Way community hall, Rhoose, on Monday, February 27, between 1pm and 2.30pm.** Residents with any council issues or concerns are welcome to attend. No appointments necessary.

### C o f f e e morning

**ALL Saints' Church Barry Mothers' Union** will be holding a coffee morning in the church hall, Park Road, on **Saturday, March 11 at 10.30am.** Stalls to include quality gifts, spring/Easter and a cake stall. Admission £1 to include a cup of tea or coffee. All proceeds will go to Mothers' Union charities; all welcome.

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For lottery information please call telephone 02920 672062.

### Next meeting for FoE

**THE** next meeting of **Barry & Vale Friends of the Earth** will be held on **Tuesday, March 7 at 7.30pm** in the **Castle Hotel, Jewel Street, Barry.**

This follows a successful public meeting in Castletland Community Centre where 50 residents told Jane Hutt, AM and a representative of Natural Resources Wales, that the incinerator being built on Barry Dock should not get a licence to operate, for the same reasons – localised air pollution – as applied at Cwmfelinfach.

**Keith Stockdale** (Barry & Vale Friends of the earth coordinator)



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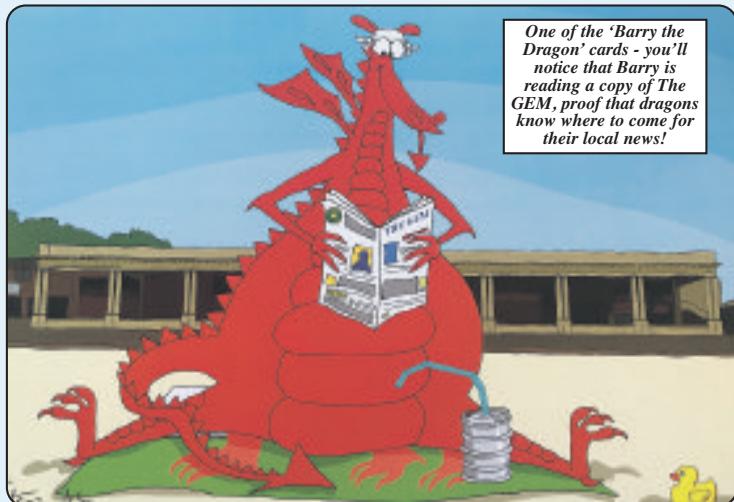
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## Barry the Dragon gets his news from The GEM!



One of the 'Barry the Dragon' cards - you'll notice that Barry is reading a copy of The GEM, proof that dragons know where to come for their local news!

**LOCAL entrepreneur Fay Blakeley and animator-turned-artist Steve John have collaborated to create a new range of cards celebrating Barry Island.**

Steve John who has worked with Disney, Pinewood Studios and the creators of Wallace and Gromit (Aardman productions) approached Fay Blakeley, owner of Homemade Wales gift shop based on Island Road, Barry, suggesting the collaboration.

Steve is part of the artist collective, Artisan Corner in Penarth, and has created similar successful artworks for the Penarth area.

Speaking about the collaboration, Fay said: "Steve and I were talking about his artworks and passion for animation when I asked if he would be interested in creating something for Barry. We talked about the iconic buildings in the area and settled on the promenade shelters at Barry Island."

The result is a collection of cards featuring Barry the dragon, enjoying a day out in Barry - and as seen above, reading a copy of The GEM!

The cards are available exclusively from Homemade Wales, Island Road, Barry.

## 'Consultation on permit under way' Incinerator in focus at residents' meeting

**AROUND 60 Barry residents attended a meeting at Castleland Community Centre on Monday, February 13, to discuss an environmental permit for an incinerator at the docks.**

Local people have expressed concerns at its potential proximity to the town centre.

The Vale's Assembly Member Jane Hutt chaired the meeting, having invited Natural Resources Wales (NRW) to discuss concerns regarding the consultation of the 'Biomass UK No.2 Ltd environmental permit'.

She told The GEM: "There was a very good turnout at the meeting that I organised with Coun Pam Drake, with three senior managers from Natural Resources Wales attending to answer questions and take on board the major concerns residents have about this development."

"Consultation on the environmental permit is now under way and people must make their views and concerns known over the coming weeks."

"Natural Resources Wales has agreed to work with the council in order to make consultation documents more accessible to the public, with plans to make copies available online and at Barry

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library."

A spokesman for the Docks Incinerator Action group (DIAG) told The GEM: "Some 50 to 60 people, including many forceful objectors, crowded the meeting room with Jane Hutt AM chairing. "The first question was 'Why claim it's an energy production plant when it's to burn waste wood?'"

"Many spoke strongly against such a plant being built so close to the town and homes. 'No-one in the room wants it,' said one, and no-one contradicted that."

"One person thought it would burn 'clean' woodchips - the NRW said contamination is controlled at chip-making sites, painted or glued wood and chipboard are allowed but creosoted wood is excluded. Any imported waste wood-chip is apparently uncontrolled."

The DIAG spokesman went on: "The NRW said they had to be satisfied the plant would not harm human health or be a risk to the environment before they would

license it.

"Responding on the point that the NRW has allowed wood-chip stores that went on fire, the NRW leader said they had refused a licence at Cwmfelinfach."

"That plant's emissions would have emerged at the level of homes on the valley sides, and the company could not show the fumes would disperse harmlessly."

"One resident at the meeting reported fog often hangs over the dock area, showing 'temperature inversion' like at Cwmfelinfach. 'Surely this would trap the incinerator fumes, she asked,' but there was no reply."

Keith Stockdale of DIAG added after the meeting: "We are pleased at the turn-out - despite the limited publicity - and expect this vocal meeting to wake up our councillors and reluctant public servants."

"The group is asking on the Facebook site 'Stop the Barry Town Incinerator' for people to send in pictures of fog trapped over the dock."

"They also ask if amateur owners of one of the new digital weather stations could supply wind data in Barry, to help show how this differs from the winds at Rhooose airport assumed by the company."

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### ATODLEN 4

**Lleoliadau** Y rhan o A4050 Port Road (Dwyrain) yr effeithir arni yw o glychfan Depo'r Alpau wrth gyfeirnod grid 312108 173959 tua'r gogledd i dderbyn y Sir wrth Groes Cwrlwys.

Yn ogystal, caiff y Gorchymynion a elwir yn "Gorchymyn Bro Morgannwg A4050 Port Road (Dwyrain) y Barri (Diwygio Cyfyngiad Cyflymdr 40 / 50 m.y.a. cyfredol 2011)" a "Gorchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (A4231 Ffordd Gyswllt Dociau'r Barri) (Cyfyngiad Cyflymdr 50mya) 2005 eu gohirio'n rhannol tra bydd y Gorchymynion hyn mewn grym.

**Rheswm** Galluogi adeiladu cynigion metro newydd ynghyd â gwella'r droedffordd a lonydd beiciau

**Hyd** O 06:00 dydd Mercher 1 Mawrth 2017 am hyd at 18 mis neu nes y caiff yr Arwyddion Traffig 30mya a 40 mya eu symud, p'un bynnaga ddaw gyntaf.

Dyddiedig 23 Chwefror 2017.

M. E. Punter, Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Gweladwy a Thai Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Depo'r Alpa, Gwenv. CF5 6AA.



## THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

(A4050 PORT ROAD (EAST) (PART) AND A4231 BARRY DOCKS LINK ROAD (PART)), 30MPH AND 40MPH SPEED RESTRICTION (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2017

On the 23rd February 2017 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the Schedules below.

The Order will come into operation on the 1st March 2017 or on the date that the necessary Traffic Signs are in place whichever is the later and a copy of the Order may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.

If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 1st March 2017 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

### SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to travel at a speed greater than 40 mph in the locations specified in Schedule 2 below.

### SCHEDULE 2

**Locations** The area of the A4050 Port Road (East), affected is from a point approximately 70 metres southwest of the junction with A4231 Barry Docks Link Road, to a point 300m northwest of that junction.

The area of the A4231 Barry Docks Link Road from its junction with the A4050 Port Road (East) in a southerly direction for a distance of 75 metres.

### SCHEDULE 3

2. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to travel at a speed greater than 30 mph in the location specified in Schedule 4 below.

### SCHEDULE 4

**Location** The area of the A4050 Port Road (East), affected is from the Alps Depot Roundabout at grid ref is 312108 173959 in a generally northerly direction to the County Boundary at Culverhouse Cross.

In addition, the Orders known as "The Vale of Glamorgan A4050 Port Road (East) Barry (Amendment to Existing 40 / 50mph Speed Restriction) Order 2011" and "The Vale of Glamorgan Council (A4231 Docks Link Road, Barry) (50mph Speed Restriction) Order 2005 shall be suspended in part for the duration of this Order.

**Reason** To allow for the construction of new metro proposals together with improvements to footway and cycle lanes

**Duration** From 06:00Hrs on Wednesday 1st March 2017, for a maximum period of 18 months or until the 30mph and 40mph Traffic Signs are removed, whichever is the sooner.

Dated this 23rd day of February 2017.

M. E. Punter, Director of Visible Services & Housing Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps Depot, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.



## Libor fines are helping to fund veterans' tours to Normandy

**THE travel arm of the Royal British Legion, Remembrance Travel, is on a mission - to find every surviving D-Day veteran, as the Treasury is enabling a series of free tours for D-Day veterans to return to Normandy, and pay their respects to fallen comrades.**

The tours are being funded by the Treasury from Libor fines, and will enable a D-Day veteran to return with a family member and carer on a six-night tour.

The 2017 tours will take place in March, April, May and September, and will give Normandy veterans - now mostly in their 90s - the chance to revisit the Normandy beaches, cemeteries and memorials.

The tours will be accompanied by a medic and a guide from the Royal British Legion.

They will depart from London and will include Eurotunnel from Dover over to Calais, accommodation, visits to Pegasus Bridge, Juno, Sword, Gold beaches, Arromanches, and war memorials, plus visits to personally specified locations.

Chancellor of the Exchequer, Philip Hammond, said: "I'm delighted that we've been able to give nearly £4 million of Libor funds to support our D-Day

Veterans wishing to return to Normandy with the Royal British Legion and other organisations, in order to pay their respects to those who did not return home in 1944."

He continued: "It's a token of our nation's immense debt of gratitude to those who gave so much both for our freedom and the freedom of Europe in the Second World War."

Nichola Rowlands-Smith of Remembrance Travel said: "We have organised a number of group tours to Normandy for D-Day veterans and they have proved a very moving experience for all."

"It has been wonderful to offer these brave elderly men a chance to revisit the battlefield and to share their experiences with friends and family."

Normandy veterans wishing to benefit from this tour need to apply via Remembrance Travel's tour operator, Arena Travel on 01473 660800, or visit [www.arenatravel.com/jo\\_urneysofremembrance](http://www.arenatravel.com/jo_urneysofremembrance).

Remembrance Travel will also be offering group travel opportunities for Normandy veteran associations.



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• Letters and e-mails MUST include your FULL address and a contact telephone number.

**An email address alone is not sufficient!**

We reserve the right to edit all letters. We do NOT accept anonymous mail.

## 'CHILDREN'S NEEDS SHOULD BE IN BILL'

**G**EM readers may not be aware that there is currently no specific legal protection for children with medical conditions at school in Wales.

Children, young people and families, who

### 'Situation is unacceptable'

**T**HE Boverton situation is unacceptable to those residents who were told a year ago that work would be starting soon to avoid the devastation on their homes and businesses.

Year after year, they have gone through situations worse than we at Ham Manor Park, though the threat is always there.

It is important that our local MP highlights these issues which, according to Coun John "are none of his business". Alun Cairns MP has many duties, and the fact that he does get involved in local issues is to be applauded. Coun Tony Bennett is also working incredibly hard on planning protests and addressing concerns of residents at Ham Manor Park.

Jo Cody, Llantwit Major.

### Roadworks at a standstill

**R**oadworks on Barry Island have been ongoing since before Christmas and were not restarted afterwards.

I called the council and was told that they had not instructed the contractors to start the work again. Work started a couple of days later, but has stopped again for over a week.

I have called the

council several times more about this and was even promised a call back – which of course I didn't get.

They have created a nearly invisible mini roundabout, at which I have seen several very near misses, with cars going up the wrong side of the road.

This is an accident waiting to happen, for which the council seems to be completely disinterested.

Mark Stone, Barry Island.

## Will you home Maddie?

**DOGS Trust Bridgend is appealing for a home for a dog after waiting more than four months at the centre.**

"Staff are hoping that a new owner will spot Maddie, a four-year-old Husky-cross and that she will soon be with a new family.

"Maddie would benefit from an adult-only, active home and with someone who is an experienced dog owner that will be around a lot of the day, as she gets worried when left alone for long periods of time.

"Potential adopters will need to be prepared to visit the centre multiple times to get to know her."

If you can offer Maddie a home, call Dogs Trust Bridgend on 0300 303 0292, or visit the centre at Pen-y-Fai, Bridgend, CF31 4NG.



already face the daily pressures of living with a serious condition like Type 1 diabetes, asthma, or epilepsy, are also having to fight for their rights to stay safe and be fully involved in school life.

Parents tell us that while some of these children and young people have excellent care and support at school, others are struggling every day to access education.

Now there is a real opportunity to make sure that children with medical conditions are safe at school, with the new Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Bill currently being considered by the National Assembly for Wales.

We now need your readers' help to tell their local AMs how important it is that children with medical conditions are included in the Bill and protected by law.

It is vital that your readers share their experiences with local AMs and let them know the real impact this has on children's lives.

Sharing your story today will help protect future generations of children and make sure they're safe at school.

**Dai Williams**

Director of Diabetes UK Cymru

### It's bin gone too long

**I**DILIGENTLY put my bins out for collection Sunday night – however, when I came to leave for work before the bin men came to empty them, they were all gone!

I refuse to believe that they blew away and now I have been informed that I will not be able to buy any more as they have been out of stock for five weeks.

It seems I am not the only one whose bins have suffered the same fate. We are buying new ones every two months, which is ridiculous. There must be an easier way!

Rhydian Hoddinott, Cowbridge

### Questions for the council

**R**ECENTLY, the Vale Council leader and deputy leader stated that they are proud of the achievements of the Vale Council.

I think the people should decide on the council's achievements – or lack of.

Are councillors proud of the £250,000 they spent on the refurb of the council chamber and of the council tax rises over the past four years? Are they proud of cuts to council jobs and not replacing them? Are they proud that they charge

us for the privilege of recycling our food waste now we have to purchase food bags?

Are they proud of the sacking of Barry library staff and replacing them with volunteers, and of turning off our street lights at midnight? This council has nothing to be proud of – we have no cinema in this town, no leisure facilities, no swimming pool.

Rhonda Cynon Taff Council puts the Vale Council to shame. Even now, it has washed its hands of parking enforcement and dumped it on Bridgend Council.

DJ Radford, Barry

### 'I lost my bro'ly'

**A**FTER attending a meeting in Cowbridge Town Hall, I accidentally left my long handled umbrella behind.

Most probably someone borrowed it when they found they had got caught in a rain shower, but I would be grateful if you could return it to the Town Hall so that next time it rains I won't get wet!

Pat Smith, Bridgend

## Terminally ill dancer's brave message: 'YOU CAN STILL ACHIEVE SO MUCH'

**"YOU can still achieve so much and the rewards are still there for you" – that's a Burlesque dancer's message to others with terminal illness, as she prepares for a March show while supporting Marie Curie.**

Lorraine Castellano (56), from Penarth, was given an expectation of 18 months to live when she was diagnosed with peritoneal cancer in 2013, but has defied doctors' expectations.

Having recently been told she has only three to four months left to live, Lorraine wants to use the time to tell others that they need to keep being themselves – and to highlight the work of Marie Curie, which provides help and support to those living with terminal illness and their families.

Lorraine is also determined to perform with the Burly Girls – a dance troupe she belongs to, which is part of the Cardiff Cabaret Club. The show is on March 24 at St Peter's Hall in Cardiff, and will be supporting Marie Curie.

Speaking about her positive attitude to the cancer – which she calls Neal – she said: "You've been told you've got this disease and then everybody starts to change."

"You're changing

anyway, and then people around you change. They don't know what to say."

"All I would say to the person that's been told (that they have cancer), is just keep being you. You're independent. As tough as it is, there's nothing wrong with you, you're just carrying this other thing that's decided, ok, it's going to come along for the ride, but all I say is that yeah, it can come along for the ride, but it's not the driver."

"But it does take a lot of effort and strength to continue with all your interests and to continue doing all the things you love."

"As hard as it is, you mustn't let them go, even if you can only do a little bit daily."

"I don't want to talk about it. I don't want it to be the first thing on everybody's mind, or on my mind. I call it Neal, but that's me, and I know other people are different."

Over the years since her diagnosis, Lorraine – a former beauty therapist – has received complimentary therapies at the day therapy unit at Marie Curie's Cardiff and the Vale hospice in Penarth.

Treatments have included aromatherapy and reflexology, as well as attending discussion groups to help with fatigue symptoms.

"Aromatherapy and reflexology, to me, is just magical," she said.



**Lorraine Castellano.**

"You feel like the body is being cleansed, because that's how it works. The magical smell of essential oils helps you travel on the journey of relaxation. If you can get the blend right for the individual person, that's the way forward, and some smells are repulsive to one person, but absolute heaven to another."

Lorraine said she found it difficult to deal with the fatigue from the chemotherapy – until she attended a support group to help her manage the symptoms at the hospice's day therapy unit.

"When you are going through your chemotherapy you can't believe how you feel, like you're tired, but sleep doesn't make it any better," she said.

"I was trying to complete too many big

tasks. So then Marie Curie showed me and explained that if I did an hour of that, an hour of that, an hour of that, in one day I would have completed seven tasks."

"I may not have finalised every single one, but I feel better that I've got those done, rather than trying to do eight hours on one thing and still not completing it."

She praised the team at the hospice, adding:

"They always accommodate our wishes the best they possibly can."

As well as performing with the Burly Girls, Lorraine makes costumes for herself and for the other dancers, something she says she will continue to do for as long as possible.

"My burlesque and my Burly is my faith, my holistic being is my faith, as others have religious faith," she said.

"If you do have something, whatever it is, what I'm trying to say is don't let it go."

"Don't let this (cancer) take away from who you are, stand your ground. Even if it fights back, stand your ground."

"You can still achieve so much and the rewards are still there for you."

Lorraine, whose other love in life is her dog Betty, is now thinking of other ways she can support Marie Curie during the charity's annual Great Daffodil Appeal, which launched in Wales last week.

She says she hopes to be able to hold a sale of her clothing, shoes and costumes – once she no longer needs them – for "petite ladies" around Cardiff.

"I want my clothes to go out dancing again," she said.

Meanwhile, she is taking her Marie Curie collection tins with her wherever she goes, and hopes her story will inspire others to sign up to collect during the appeal through February and March.

Two of her Burly Girls are already signed up to support the charity, with one creating bespoke pasties and another planning a tea party for Marie Curie.

**Make Every Daffodil Count and volunteer to support now:** [mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil](http://mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil) or call 0800 304 7025\*.

## Cross Common Road junction is now open



*The official party at the opening of the road junction.*

**WORK on a £500,000 scheme to improve the highway network in Dinas Powys has been completed, and the new Cross Common Road junction officially opened to the public.**

Work on the new junction, which re-routes traffic away from the Cross Common road bridge, began at the end of October 2016. Following its completion, the junction was officially opened to the public this week by Coun Peter King, cabinet member for building services, highways and transportation.

Coun King said: "Before work began we were under no illusions about what an important issue this was for local residents. The question of how best to solve what was a complex problem had been the topic of lengthy discussion and hung over the community for some time."

"The new junction will be safer for

motorists and pedestrians than the previous narrow crossing and will eliminate any possible risk of flooding caused by supports for the old bridge."

"I'm pleased that the scheme was completed without the need for any road closures, meaning any disruption to local residents and commuters was kept to an absolute minimum."

The section of highway that joins Cross Common Road and Cardiff Road had previously been served by a bridge, the structure of which had been supported by a timber frame since 2005. This frame had been slowly deteriorating.

Rather than replace the wooden supports, the Vale Council took the decision to dismantle the bridge and create a new junction 50 metres downstream. Now that work on the new junction is completed, the bridge will be closed and work to remove it all together will begin.





# Making people's 'start up' dreams come true Business Centre celebrates 10 years



The G2 office.

**W**HETHER the break from your usual '9-to-5' over Christmas and the New Year got you thinking about initiating your own start-up, or you've found the gap in the market and have been mulling over your own business idea for a while but just aren't sure when is the best time to set up your own business, we know it can be hard to take the leap.

Maybe you see other people doing the things that you love and has you thinking, 'I could do that!'

If this sounds like you, we wanted to share a story of productivity and positivity to help inspire your own journey – ours.

The Business Centre (Cardiff) Ltd has just turned 10 and we had no idea back in 2007 that we would turn into the mature and developed business that we are today.

To help set the scene and tell the story, James Mason, The Business Centre Manager, spent some time having a sweet treat in Mel's cafe, and explained how far The Business Centre has come, and his plans for the future.

*Where did the idea for The Business Centre Cardiff (Ltd) come from?*

In 2005, Gordon Mason was heading up the Space Centre Self Storage, which was a company within the Masons Group and was asked by a company storing their stock with Space Centre Ltd if there was any office space on site available for rent.

As it didn't at the time, the company left to find office and storage space together somewhere else.



The conference room.

At that point, Gordon began to research the availability of offices within the Vale of Glamorgan and surrounding areas. It became apparent that there was lack of office space available in the local area.

*Why did you believe the idea would work?*

There were several local businesses in the area that didn't have an option of fully serviced office space and office rental options. From Gordon's research, we discovered there was no relevant serviced office space locally. It was clear that there was a business opening for office rentals for the future.

*How did the original building differ from what it is today? And what did you have to do to convert?*

The original building was a national parcel distribution site and was unoccupied for two years. To convert the disused warehouse into a fully serviced office facility, the refurbishment involved creating a second floor mezzanine, the fit-out of 50 office suites of various sizes, including installation of high speed broadband and telecoms infrastructure together with a state of the art reception area, gym facilities and conference rooms.

All in all, the refurb took 18 months, including the conversion, and then a car park with 120 spaces. The external works were made possible with some funding through the match funding improvement grant from the Welsh Assembly Government.

*So here we are in 2017 and 10 years on, did you think The Business Centre would be so successful?*

The Directors of The Business Centre (Cardiff) Ltd are really proud of what the centre and our team have achieved over the past 10 years. We have become a mature business centre with occupancy levels averaging 96 per cent and have been fully occupied on a number of occasions.



The reception area.

*And plans for the future?*

At The Business Centre (Cardiff) Ltd, we're always striving to continue to provide our customers with a 5\* star service within our flexible, professional and highly supportive business model. Our passion is to help and support local businesses at an extremely competitive cost. So really, we just want the next 10 years to be as successful and supportive as the past ten years have been!

*What does it mean to you to see the business doing so well compared to the idea 10 years ago?*

We always knew that the concept of a fully serviced office facility in the Vale of Glamorgan was needed for businesses and that the business model offered an alternative way of renting versus the structured, non flexible leased facility. As a business we have provided support to over 200 companies and are extremely proud to have supported their growth along with supporting the local economy and businesses in the Vale and surrounding areas.

*What improvements have been made to the building since opening 10 years ago?*

Over the past five years, we have made various improvements to the centre. We have installed air conditioning facilities to 95 per cent of the building; solar panels and LED lighting has been installed; there's a new cafe facility which is run by Mel; plus our partnership with local personal training business operates from our free on-site gym facilities: FitM8 Personal Training.

*Finally, do you have any advice for anyone who has a business idea in mind but isn't sure whether or not to make the jump?*

Do it! Ten years ago we weren't to know that The Business Centre would mature and develop the way it has, but we're so glad that we took the risk! If you think that you have a gap in the market, or have an idea that would change the world, or even



There's a gym too!

just one person's world, go for it.

There's no perfect age, or perfect time to start your own business, there's always going to be a slight risk but you won't know until you take your idea into your own hands and make it a reality.

There's never been a better time to start your own business and become your own boss, hopefully our story of success will help inspire your own!



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# Young Farmers raise the Pavilion roof!

**A TWO-EVENING stage spectacular culminated in Maendy YFC, with their original production *Ocean Commotion*, being crowned overall winners at the annual Glamorgan Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs entertainment competition.**

This year's stage competition was held at the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl on February 3 and 4. The event is one of the highlights of the YFC calendar with members aged from 10 to 26 competing in pantomime, drama and entertainments in a three year rotation.

Each cast must adhere to a set of rules, challenging them to show off the best of their talents within a set time. Over the two nights of competition, the seven Glamorgan clubs each gave a show-stopping performance.

From singing and dancing to acting and acrobatics, there was something for all ages to sit back and enjoy, while the fate of performers was in the hands of the

judge, David Price (GoDA).

Luckily for the judge, there was a collection of awards to present so every club is in with a chance of taking home silverware!

When the curtain falls on the final performance, the highly anticipated part of the weekend is the results and presentation awards. Maendy YFC won first place overall with their under the sea production *Ocean Commotion* which brought past member Richard Harris's script to life.

Best actress was awarded to Christina Thomas of Maendy YFC, while Tom Edwards of Wick YFC took home the award for best actor. The award for most promising under-14 member was presented to Iwan Llewellyn of Bridgend YFC.

Maendy's hard work paid off as they also scooped the awards for best technical and best director for Richard Western's vision and direction.

Wick YFC were runners up with their performance of *Tick Tock!*, another home-written play from club leader Charlotte Thomas, and Bridgend YFC were placed third with an original script entitled *The Night Zoo* by ex-

member, Andrew John.

Chairman of Glamorgan Federation of Young Farmers' Club, Laura Elliott, said: "This is one of my favourite competitions of the year as it brings every club member together, whether it be performing, helping backstage or scenery and costume making, everyone should be very proud of the part they played."

"To see each club unveil its production is highly exciting; coupled with the backdrop of the Grand Pavilion, both evenings were a great achievement and brilliantly supported."

"I would like to wish Maendy YFC the very best of luck at the Wales YFC finals and encourage our loyal followers and any new enthusiasts to head just down the road to the Princess Royal Theatre, Port Talbot on Sunday, March 5 to support them."

South Wales Central AM and Leader of the Welsh Conservatives Andrew RT Davies, who is also president of Llantrisant YFC – attended the finals and said he was impressed by the standard of competition on show.



The winning Maendy cast.



The Wick cast were runners-up.



The Bridgend cast.

## 'Sugar dough' helps your bees through the winter months...

**W**INTER seems to have arrived of late, with easterly winds reducing temperatures to single figures, confining the bees to the hives.

However, Snowdrops are beginning to make their appearance so spring must be just around the corner. External checks are carried out at all of the apiaries on a regular basis to ensure all is as it should be.

In what we might call a normal year, winter should be a period when the bees settle into their survival mode.

They form a cluster, no regular external activity takes place and providing that they have in house stores (honey/pollen) they are well able to survive until the days start to lengthen and temperatures rise.

When winter conditions do prevail the beekeeper can get a little anxious and wonder if his/her colonies have come through the past 4/5 months.

The urge to open up a hive and check if all is well must be resisted.

It is not unusual to have one or two colonies die out. Why is this? Well the beekeeper may well be the cause by failing to provide for the welfare of the bees, or a colony might be too weak to stand the rigours of winter.

After all, winter does spell death for the weaklings of all species.

Alternatively, because of the mild conditions the bees have responded and lots of external activity has been observed. As I have pointed out previously, for bees to be active they require a food source to supply them with energy.

Where does the food supply come from? The in house stores!

Here at Fonmon I have a nucleus; this is a small box with a Queen and around 2,000 bees in it and so far I have been able to aid them in their winter survival by regular feeding.

The food I am giving them is called sugar dough and it looks just like ready-made icing. It is, however, specially prepared for bees and they can consume it right off without having to process it in anyway.

The recent cold snap has caused all activity to cease, hence no feeding, but temperatures are set to rise so they may make it yet.

All in all things are looking pretty good, a warm spring will be a big help as a good number of new beekeepers are signed up for the courses run by the society.

For them to get hands on experience we require fair weather to enable the hives to be opened up. It is at this stage that these new beekeepers will find out if they are comfortable with their desire to become a beekeeper, as an active hive of bees is not everyone's cup of tea.

I am, of course, regularly checking on the Varroa Mites. Others do believe that their colonies are free of mites and they do not have a problem.

There are even those who believe the Varroa comes in on equipment ie, hive boxes and frames. This is not likely because the mite can only survive if bees are present. No bees = No mites!

The introduction of swarms to an apiary will bring in Varroa Mites. The Varroa is a worldwide problem – and that is a fact.

HAROLD WILLIAMS.

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## LAWRENCE WINS, AGAIN



Laurence Hunt is congratulated by the president of Swansea Valley Rotary.

SOME readers may remember that last November saw the Rotary Club of Porthcawl host the opening round of the Rotary Young Musician competition and that the winner that evening was Laurence Hunt, a pupil at Porthcawl Comprehensive School, who had won his way through to the next round.

That round was held last Wednesday, hosted by the Rotary Club of Swansea Valley, at Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera where Laurence found himself competing against musicians from

Ysgol Gyfun itself, and Llantwit Major Comprehensive School.

The Club is pleased to announce that Laurence was victorious again, having played two piano pieces – Brahms' *Balladen No 1 Opus 10* and Chopin's *Nocturn No 20 in C sharp minor* to a superb standard.

The club congratulates Laurence once more and wishes him well for the next stage of the RIBI Young Musician Competition in Cardiff on March 4.

Ivor Williams

## Ysgol Bro Morgannwg wins the area 'Youth Speaks' final



Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg: Winning senior team, left to right: Elin Alexander, Nia Brown, Tirion Davies and Rotary assistant district governor Gareth Rees.

**THE Rotary Club of Barry has sponsored the winning team in the Area 4 final of the Youth Speaks competition, one of several competitions organised by the Rotary movement, specifically designed to develop students' skills.**

The Area 4 final of the Rotary Youth Speaks competition was held on January 30 in Cardiff from Whitchurch High School, Golf Club and was hosted by the Rotary Club of Llanishen.

Winners in the senior section (14 – 18 year olds) were the team from Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Barry, whose chosen topic was, 'Is modern education destructive?'

Their team was chaired by Tirion Davies, their speaker was Nia Brown and their vote of thanks was given by Elin Alexander. Nia Brown also won the prize for best speaker.

Second place went to the team from Whitchurch High School, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Cardiff Breakfast.

In line with national rules, all speakers had to answer a question from the audience to show their understanding of their chosen topic. Judges were Phil McCaffery and Ifor Morgan from Cardiff Speakers Club.

At the end of the evening, the judges congratulated all participants saying that they had set some very high standards.

The next round of this competition is the district final, which will be held at Cowbridge Comprehensive School on Saturday, March 11.



# Barry Round Table celebrates 60 years' service to community



Barry Round Table members with Barry Mayor, back row from left: Nathan Spackman, David Beadle (chairman), Gareth Williams, Matthew Davies, Nick Critten. Middle row, from left: Andrew Rosser, Barry Dyer, Charlotte Williams (Barry Town Mayor), Stuart Taylor (president). At the front: Scott Bosher and Anthony Price (vice chairman).



ABOVE: Barry Ladies' Circle get into the spirit of the 1950s, from the left: Louise Dyer, Alex Critten, Amy Beadle, Veronica Ayers and Janine Rosser.

**BARRY Round Table marked 60 years of supporting the community with a 1950s-themed dinner dance for 50 guests.**

Among those present were Charlotte Williams, the Barry Town Mayor, Steven Grew, Round Table Great Britain and Ireland vice president, and past members, family and friends.

A spokesperson said: "Barry Town United AFC hosted the evening at their clubhouse providing an excellent backdrop for the evening."

"Over the past 60 years Barry Round Table has raised hundreds of thousands of pounds, which has included the construction of two buildings and conversion of a rail carriage as a holiday home."

"Roundel House on Maescym Street built in 1978 was funded by the

raising of £83,000 through various fundraisers including selling bricks on King Square!

"The night was about highlighting and thanking the past and welcoming in the future – the welcoming of our newest member Nick Critten to the Table topped this off."

"Nick's joining has brought our membership now up to nine members. Just a few years ago we were just two members and on the brink of closure – with nine members we can now get ourselves set to #DoMore in the coming years!"

"Round Table not only supports the community, it is also a great opportunity for the individual members to develop new skills and

take part in some amazing social activities. These developments and opportunities are a great way for young men to support their positive well-being and mental health."

"Charlotte Williams said that Barry Round Table is an essential element to Barry town and one that has done some amazing work in the past year, and over the past 60 years – and she wished them great success in the future."

"A raffle in support of Noah's Ark Children's Hospital Charity raised an amazing £330 with thanks to donated prizes by Lee and Andrew Selby, Brawd Men's Health, Ms Fit Women, Waitrose, Tesco, Co-op, Umpa Lumpa Sweet Shop, Poundland, Nisa Vere Street, Lloyds

Pharmacy, Quaser, ASDA, Whitmore and Jackson, Cherry Orchard and Healing Touch – special thanks also goes to Francesca Cakes, JPL Sound and AskFrank for their help getting the night just right."

"A very special part of the night was seeing Barry Ladies' Circle, who are re-establishing themselves in Barry, attend the evening, enjoying themselves and forming a huge part of the Round Table family."

If anyone aged from 18 to 45 is interested in finding out more about Barry Round Table or Barry Ladies' Circle, visit [barry.roundtable.co.uk](http://barry.roundtable.co.uk) or [facebook.com/barryladiescircle](https://www.facebook.com/barryladiescircle) to see what each group has planned for the next few months.



Guides helping to pack the shopping.

## The Dinas Powys Guides boost local appeal for mini bus

**COMMUNITY support from the Guides has boosted funds for the Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern minibus appeal.**

The 6th Dinas Powys Guides spent the day bag packing at Morrisons in aid of the minibus appeal. The girls chose DPVC as the charity they wanted to help as part of their community action section of the Guide programme. By the end of the day they had raised £450 – thanks to the generosity of the Morrisons customers and their own excellent bag packing skills.

Huge thanks goes to the community champion at Morrisons, Carolyn, for

helping to organise the day and for also giving DPVC vouchers towards their refreshments for their next event, a quiz night.

John Fanshaw, chair of the charity, expressed his thanks for the Guides and the public's support. He said: "We also received enquiries from people who were interested in learning more about the work of Voluntary Concern."

"We have a substantial number of residents who already help but we always are keen to attract more."

For more information on Guiding in Dinas Powys, contact the District Commissioner on 07765 513424; to find out more about DPVC, contact 029 2051 3700.

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## Lions' charity lunch

JOIN Lions legends Shane Williams, Lee Byrne, Mike Hall, Brynmor Williams and All Black Xavier Rush for a special lunch raising funds for Velindre Cancer Care.

They will be looking ahead at the British and Irish Lions Tour of New Zealand this summer, and back at previous tours. The event will be compered by Carolyn Hitt.

Taking place at the Principality Stadium on Friday, May 19 from 1pm, guests will enjoy a drink on arrival, a three-course meal and plenty of stories and behind the scenes tales from previous Lions' tours.

There will also be a raffle and auction with items up for grabs. Guests will also have the opportunity to ask the panel any burning questions.

Tables of 10 are priced at £750 or individual tickets £75. Book online at [www.velindrefundraising.com/bookonline](http://www.velindrefundraising.com/bookonline).



## Local pupils are Oxbridge bound

**Oxbridge Success**  
CONGRATULATIONS to Nia Fenn and Caleb Darwin (left) of Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg, Barry, both year-13 pupils, on their successful application to study at Oxbridge from September 2017 onwards.

Nia who studies history, biology, chemistry and the Welsh Baccalaureate will study human sciences at Oxford.

Caleb studies history, mathematics, geography and the Welsh Baccalaureate, and will study human, social and political

sciences at Cambridge. Both students deserve this success and follow the three successful candidates from last year who gained Oxbridge entry.

**Ski trip**  
IN January, 58 year-8 pupils spent a week skiing in Montgenevre, France with six members of staff and had a fantastic time.

Not only did they learn to ski, but they also tried ice skating, a skidoo ride, bum boarding and swimming. Thanks to Mr Beynon for arranging the trip.

**Sixth Form options evening**  
AN options evening for present year-11 pupils considering continuing with their studies at Key Stage 5 was held on January 26.

Following a presentation by the headteacher regarding the academic standards and opportunities available to students at Key Stage 5, every department provided presentations to the parents and pupils regarding course content and possible employment opportunities.

KH

## If you can stand heat, get into the kitchen!

**RIGHT: James Sommerin with Cardiff and Vale College students.**

**THE Chefs' Forum** staged 'A Chefs' Lunch' at Cardiff and Vale College recently at which hospitality students had the opportunity to learn from industry experts as they welcomed chefs from **Purple Poppadom, St David's Hotel and Restaurant James Sommerin.**

The Chefs' Forum holds a culinary convention in Wales each quarter and showcases students from Cardiff and Vale College working front of house and in the kitchen, under renowned local chefs and hospitality experts.

The college has won a string of accolades including an AA Rosette for The Classroom Restaurant, which is now a finalist in the Cardiff Life Awards for 'Best Restaurant'.

Earlier this year student Amy Hoskins (21), came in 12th place out of 50 competing countries in a worldwide college cookery competition, the International Young Chef Olympiad, which took place in India.

The learners worked in the kitchen with top chefs to serve a delicious four-course lunch for more than 60 culinary experts.

The chefs mentoring Cardiff and Vale students were Anand George (Purple Poppadom), Martyn Watkins (St David's Hotel and Spa) and James Sommerin (Restaurant James Sommerin).

The 'pay what you can' lunch raised £900 in donations made to The Chefs' Forum Educational Foundation.

Michelin-starred chef James Sommerin commented: "Today has been amazing. I would happily welcome Cardiff and Vale learners into my kitchen based on their impressive performance today."

"It was really pleasing to see them attempt and conquer some complex cooking techniques that may well have been out of their comfort zone."



## Rescued Thai street dog 'learns to paint'



Emily Harvey with Tui.

**A RESCUED street dog is learning to paint, thanks to a guide dog trainer in the Vale.**

Emily Harvey of Penmark fell in love with puppy Tui when she and husband Tony volunteered at an animal sanctuary in Thailand last year.

After a 25-hour trip involving a plane, ferry and car, the couple brought her to Wales, where Tui's 'artistic talents' soon emerged.

Emily was so impressed that she filmed Tui as she painted, posting the results on YouTube.

The film shows Tui with a brush in her mouth, painting green strokes on a piece of paper propped up on a

makeshift easel. When Emily asks the dog what she thinks of the picture so far, Tui hides her face with her paw 'as if embarrassed'.

The dog then completes the picture by adding some pink strokes, taking a bow when the final work of art is revealed.

Emily has named the painting 'Memories of Thailand' and plans to frame it.

"Tui is the love of our life," said Emily. "She'll never be a guide dog, but she's really clever. I've taught her lots of tricks including fetching beer from the fridge."

"I've just started teaching her doggy dancing, something I've never done before, although I've always wanted to."

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### SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

### SCHEDULE 2

**Location** Cross Common Road, Dinas Powys between its junction with the A4055 Cardiff Road and its junction with Wellwood Drive.

**Reason** To allow for the removal of the bridge deck from the old bridge over the Cadoxton River.

**Duration** From 6th March 2017 for a maximum period of 18 Months.

**Alt. Route** Diversions for traffic will be available via the new road junction off Cardiff Road located to the South of Cross Common Road junction.

NB: Pedestrian access shall be maintained via the existing footbridge.

**Dated this 23rd day of February 2017**

M. E. Punter,  
Director of Visible Services & Housing  
Vale of Glamorgan Council,  
The Alps Depot,  
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# Tondu RFC strengthen league grip with vital win



Action from Tondu's win over Resolven.  
PICTURE BY GARETH ANTHONY

**THIS game between Resolven and Tondu was a hard-fought encounter at the top of Division 2 West Central, with the first half largely belonging to the home side.**

After four minutes, from a Tondu turnover, Resolven moved the ball through the hands for their prop to charge up the field, offloading to left wing Lewis Knoyle to cross.

Minutes later outside half Owen Evans increased the lead with a penalty for the home side, before Josh Tatchell replied with a penalty for the visitors.

Resolven were much the better side during the first half but were unable to breach an astute Tondu defence, and it was Tatchell who reduced the lead further with his second penalty on the stroke of half-time, the score Resolven 8, Tondu 6.

The second period saw a much improved Tondu with their forwards again setting the foundation for a memorable win, first in defensive mode and then taking the game to a Resolven side that were beginning to tire.

From a five metre lineout Tondu created a maul from which replacement Adam Harris smashed his way

over with 20 minutes left, and Tatchell added the extra points from the touchline to put the league leaders into a 13-8 lead.

The final quarter was hard-hitting, sometimes brutal, but Tondu held on to clinch a very important win and these are the type of wins that decide championships.

Tondu now face Ystradgynlais at Pandry Park in two weeks time, a game that could prove pivotal in the race for top spot.

MS

# Weakened Ath seconds slip to semi-final defeat

**FIRST team calls and late drop outs left Bridgend Athletic second XV with the bare 15 players for their Enoch Lewis Cup semi-final away to runaway league leaders Kenfig Hill second XV.**

This was compounded when they lost prop Matt Norman with a dead leg after only five minutes. A yellow card saw them finish the half with only 13 players, but to their credit only a converted try from the speedy Kenfig Hill centre separated the sides at half time.

During the first half Sean Williams and Aaron Mordecai dominated the line outs and showed up well in the loose.

Geraint Lang was in the opposition faces winning good turnover ball and Lewis Dando, Aled Pilliner and Matthew Tellem carried the ball effectively.

A number of Athletic drives at the Kenfig Hill line were questionably halted and the Athletic felt aggrieved when a marginal high tackle saw prop Lewis Dando yellow carded, while the home side kept their full contingent on the field.

Kenfig Hill also possessed strong ball carriers but determined tackling in midfield by Liam Griffiths, Rhys Jones and Hywel Roberts largely kept play inside the Kenfig Hill half of

the field.

The start of the second half saw good tactical kicking from outside half Scott Jones and full back Liam Phillips and runs from wings Jamie Sidford and Hywel Cosby take the game to the opposition.

Captain and scrum half Nick Jones orchestrated a series of drives close to the Kenfig Hill try line before an attempted miracle pass went directly to touch.

Nick Jones was then yellow carded for hands in a ruck. Kenfig Hill used their two-man advantage to move the wide to increase their lead.

Further woe was to befall the Athletic as injuries to Matthew Tellem and Rhys Jones saw them finish the game with only 12 players.

Kenfig Hill ably exploit the numerical superiority to run in a further three tries despite valiant Athletic efforts in defence, typified by the example of outside half Scott Jones, to win the tie 33-0.

The Athletic will now contest the final of the Barrie Morris Plate Cup against either Bridgend Sports or Aberavon Quins, while Kenfig Hill will play the winners of that tie in the Enoch Lewis Cup final.

Coach Liam Griffiths could only praise the efforts of his Athletic team, but was unhappy that not all the squad are committed to regularly turning up for fixtures, letting their teammates down, especially against tougher opposition.

AB

# Pencoed take win in thriller

**AS the 48-20 scoreline would suggest, this games between Pencoed and Aberavon Green Stars was a thoroughly entertaining Division 2 West Central match at the Recreation Ground, Pencoed taking the spoils.**

Pencoed took the lead with a sweeping attack from their threequarters instigated from their own half, blindsided wing Ryan Russell breaking centre field before a well timed pass saw left wing David Young apply the finish wide out, Jake Lloyd adding a fine conversion.

Green Stars then cut the deficit with a penalty goal from full back Aaron Davies. Lloyd soon restored the home lead with a penalty before the home three again handled well to put width on the attack and Rhys Thomas, in the outside centre position, dummied through from 35 metres out to score.

Lloyd added the extras and the home side led 17-3.

The visitors then enjoyed a period of pressure in the home 22 and got their reward with Keiron Mattocks driving over, Davies adding the extras.

Pencoed hit back immediately, centre Lloyd Bargery breaking the attempted tackle of his opposite number and racing in unopposed from the 22 metre mark, which Lloyd converted.

The Green Stars were to have the last say before the break however, Mattocks' driving across for his second try to reduce the Pencoed lead to 24-15 at the interval.

It was not long into the second half

however before Pencoed secured the bonus point try, handling well to put Russell in possession and the young wing used his pace to race away from his own half, a try which Lloyd converted.

The home side soon increased their lead to put the match beyond their visitors, scrum half Rhys Clarke breaking away from around halfway before transferring to supporting full back Tom Cross who ran in diagonally away from the close pursuit of the desperate visitors' cover.

Thomas then did well to play himself out of trouble when isolated in his own 22 and repel a dangerous visitors raid.

Pencoed then got their sixth try, youth flanker Jack Thompson getting reward for his support work by racing away from 40 metres out and beating the final defender to score at the posts, youth team mate Lloyd adding the extras.

The Green Stars then got a deserved third try from Richard Evans but it was the home side who were to have the final say, a brief cameo appearance in the final minutes from coach Aeron Halse saw him use his considerable experience and athleticism to stretch over for the touchdown.

This was a fine all-round team performance from the home side, full of running rugby, with several man of the match contenders; however, the all round match contribution of youth player Dan Watkins deservedly took the accolade.

Pencoed will return to league action at Cwmavon on March 4, 2.30pm kick-off.

TR

# Phoenix battle out hard-fought draw

**THIS National League Division 1 match between Ynysddu Ladies and Pencoed Phoenix was a hard fought bruising encounter from start to finish.**

Phoenix enjoyed territorial advantage for

most of the first half and against the much bigger home pack kept them on the front foot for most of this period, unfortunately the several chances created particularly in the opening quarter were not capitalized upon.

Experienced Phoenix forwards Natalie O'Shea, Lowri O'Raw and Amy Stevens were at the vanguard of the Phoenix pack effort no doubt conscious of the emergent eligible Phoenix 18s age group players around them, with scrum half Rhianydd Morgan her usual competitive self at their heels.

Nevertheless despite the efforts of both teams the score remained blank at the break.

With a now slight breeze at their backs Phoenix continued to get the better of exchanges and following sustained driving play from their pack combative hooker O'Shea drove over in determined manner. Phoenix continued to press, unfortunately unable to take advantage of clear line breaks from Rachel Jones and young Caitlin Smith.

The home side were

gradually coming more into the match following a number of replacements and going into the final 10 minutes levelled the match. Phoenix picked up a yellow card and for the first time in the match a defeat looked possible.

Ynysddu sensed victory in the closing minutes but a superb defensive effort from the depleted Phoenix number kept them out.

This was allied to a point blank range penalty miss from the home side in the final minute, the final score 5-5.

Phoenix will reflect on a match they dominated for lengthy spells, particularly at the scrum, and on the balance of play over the 80 minutes should have won; however it was also a match they could have lost in the dying moments.

The positives for Phoenix were two valuable league match points away from home and the integration of the age group players who all looked comfortable at this level.

TR

# Cowbridge Darts League round-up

**ON Tuesday, February 14, an evening of league matches was played.**

In the local derby the league leaders Edmondnes B just beat the Edmondnes A 5-4. In this game James Rosser (Edmondnes A) became the 13th player this season to hit a 180.

Llanharry defeated the other Edmondnes Arms team, the Edmondnes C, 6-3.

The toggling between the Six Bells Inn and the Highwayman Inn for second spot continues, this week going to the Highwayman Inn - winning 8-1 against the Red Lion, while the Six Bells Inn found it harder to overcome the Farmers Arms winning 5-4.

To complete the week 17 match results the Victoria Inn beat the Hairy Farmers 5-4, by winning all three doubles matches, so coming back from being 4-2 down at the end of the singles. In

this match John Izzard (Hairy Farmers) won a leg in just seven darts.

Present league standings, after 17 weeks, are: Edmondnes B (109 points), Highwayman Inn (98), Six Bells Inn (96), Edmondnes A (84), Llanharry (79), Edmondnes C (78), Hairy Farmers (71), Farmers Arms (68), Victoria Inn (66) and Red Lion (16).

Next week (Tuesday, February 28) it will be a busy evening of darts at Llanharry Workingmen's Club, when they host both the men's and ladies doubles knockout competitions.

All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are always welcome.

For further information e-mail Paul a

cowbridgedarts@gmail.com, up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk.

PJT

# Bridgend Bridge Club

**THE results for recent events at Bridgend Bridge club are:**

Wednesday, February 15: First, Glyn Williams and David Bowen; Second, Tony Disley and John Evans; Third, Irene Thomas and Graham Jones. The winners on handicap were Glyn Williams and David Bowen.

Thursday, February 16: First, Geoff and Christine Tinkler; Second, Eileen Mahoney and Geoff Barnett; Equal Third, Teresa Griffiths and Linda Jenkins & John Henson and Chris Rawlings. The winners on handicap were Eileen Mahoney and Geoff Barnett.

Friday, February 17: First, Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage; Second, Liam Sheridan and Glenda Roberts; Third, Norma and David Newman. The winners on handicap were Liam

Sheridan and Glenda Roberts.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Thursday Evenings at Noltan Church Hall at 7pm. It helps if players arrive 10 minutes early to enable a prompt start.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, again at Noltan Church Hall, there is a gentle bridge session - master points are awarded and advice is available on the bidding in a relaxed atmosphere.

Lessons for beginners take place on Thursday mornings at 11.30am with a seminar for improvers at 1.30pm.

For further information about the club please contact Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968, John Evans on 01656 880372 or David Newman on 01656 641938.

DN

# Llantwit Major & District Darts League update

**THE Llantwit Major and District Darts League season entered its 20th week with the highlights being:**

Louis Holden 180 and 20 dart leg, Alf Sutton 20 dart leg, Will Cooke 19 dart leg, Tony Deacon 19 dart leg, Steve Davie 14 dart leg, Steve Price 80 out, Dan Powell 141 out and Callum Bracey 151 out to win his match in the Alec McGaw competition.

In the 'C' League the fight for second place couldn't be any closer with three teams tied on 126 points with the Wenvoe one point behind with 125 points.

The teams through to the Alec McGaw semi-finals on March 23 are Shoes Peterson (Steve, Mike, Fran, Alf); Wenvoe Arms 'A' 1 (Adam, Luke, Phil,

Callum); Kings Head 'A1' 2 (Pete, Ben, Mike); Shoes St Athan 'C1' (Dave, Martin, Rob, Paul).

Monday Night 'C' League table: Lamb and Flag 'C1' 154, Boverton Castle 126, Lamb and Flag 'C2' 126, Shoes St Athan 126, Wenvoe Arms 125, Rugby Club 120, Kings Head 'C2' 109, Tudor Tavern 'C2' 95, Shoes Head 'C1' 61, Tudor Tavern 'C1' 47.

Tuesday Night 'A' League table: Kings Head 'A1' 184, Wenvoe Arms 160, Fox and Hounds 134, Rugby Club 'A2' 128, Shoes St Athan 125, Golden Cups 122, Shoes Peterson 111, Four Bells 99, Lamb and Flag 'A4', Rugby Club 'A1' 90, Tudor Tavern 78, Blacksmith Arms 77, Kings Head 'A2' 75, Rugby Club 'A3' 63.

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Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Tuesday, February 28 at 4pm (where friends please meet). Family flowers only please, donations, if wished, for the Alzheimer's Society may be sent to the funeral home.

**THOMAS**  
**John**

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Peacefully on Tuesday, February 21, John loving husband of the late Eira. Much loved father.

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**WOODS**  
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Peacefully on 15th February 2017 at the University Hospital Wales, Barry, aged 68 years. Dearly loved husband of Maureen, stepdad to David and Abi, Lee and Michelle. Cherished bampy to all his step grandchildren. He will also be sadly missed by his mum Beryl, brothers Paul, Nigel, Ian and their partners.

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**KIFF****Eileen Mary**

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**SUTTON****John Duncan Dale**

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**PEET**  
**Margaret**

Peacefully, at the University Hospital of Wales, Margaret Peet (formerly O'Callaghan) passed away on 28 January 2017.

Stephen, Peter and Jan would like to thank family and friends for their support, also thanks to the staff at UHW, Rev Melanie Prince and W James & Sons, Funeral Directors.

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## Acknowledgements

**HELLIWELL**  
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Margaret, Stephen and Cathy would like to thank all those who attended Roger's funeral and for the many cards and donations for Marie Curie. Our grateful thanks to all the staff at Marie Curie, the district nurses and the medical staff.

**MORGAN**  
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Marilyn and family wish to thank all those who attended Charles' Celebration of Life and those who sent messages of sympathy.

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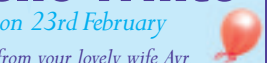
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**HAPPY 70th BIRTHDAY**

**Leslie White**  
on 23rd February

*Love from your lovely wife Avr  
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Cheryl and grandsons Aden & Ethan  
xxx*

**Happy 80th Birthday**  
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*He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.*

Michael is in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Barry until a private family service at home on Thursday, 2nd March. All are welcome to join the family at Cardiff & Glamorgan for a committal service at 3pm. Family floral tributes only - donations if desired may be made at the crematorium service or via Mike's online tribute page at

www.valefuneralservice.co.uk, where you are also welcome to leave your personal messages and memories.

*All donations received will support the work of Cancer Research Wales.*

**HAWKINS**  
**Patricia**

Suddenly at home on February 7, Nanna Pat, well known within the community of Barry and beloved wife to Trevor. An adored mum of Heidi, Hayley, Mark, Adrienne, Kirsty and the late Ashley. A cherished nan and great nan, loving sister to Brian. *'Reunited with Ashley'*.

Resting in the private chapel of The Vale Funeral Service, Barry until Pat's service at Coastlands Family Church, Tennyson Road, Colcot, Barry on Monday, February 27th at 11.15am, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery.

Family flowers only - donations, if desired, may be made at the service or via Pat's online tribute page at www.valefuneralservice.co.uk.

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12.5.1935 - 17.2.2017

Passed away peacefully at home. Wife of the late George, loving mother of Glenn and Julie, grandmother of Philip and Richard.

Funeral arrangements by Thomas Brothers on Friday, 3 March at 1.15pm at the Church of St John the Baptist, Llanblethian, followed by Coychurch Crematorium.

Family flowers only and donations for breast cancer research to Cancer Research Wales, Velindre Hospital, Whitchurch, Cardiff CF14 2TL.

Thanks to staff at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Caring Companions and Dr McGovern at Western Vale Health Centre.



## Birthday Announcement

**90** The family of **Dorothy Rogers** **90**  
 (formerly of Montgomery Road, now at Gower Court, Barry)  
 would love all friends and neighbours old and new to join them to celebrate  
**Dot's 90th Birthday**  
 (20.02.2017) on Saturday 25th February, between 2pm - 4pm at the Margaret Alexander Community Centre, Alexandra Crescent, Barry, CF62 7HU.  
 Refreshments provided.

## Anniversary

**Congratulations**  
**70th**  
**Wedding Anniversary**  
**Mair and Jack Stevens** (Formerly of Rhooose)  
 on your 70th Wedding Anniversary on 24 February 2017  
 Lots of Love  
 Sylvia, Gerald & family xxx

## Public Notice

**LICENSING ACT 2003**  
 Section 17 (5)  
**Notice of Application for a Premises Licence**  
**NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT** An application has been made to Bridgend County Borough Council (the Licensing Authority) for a **PREMISES LICENCE** to permit licensable activities which it is proposed will be carried on, or from the premises shown below. Details of the application may be inspected between the hours of Monday to Thursday 0930 to 1700 hours and Friday 0930 to 1630 hours at Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB or by visiting the authority's website: [www.bridgend.gov.uk](http://www.bridgend.gov.uk).

Any responsible authority or any other person may make representations in respect of the application, which must be submitted, in writing, to the following address before the date shown below:  
 Licensing Section, Bridgend County Borough Council, Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB.  
**NAME OF APPLICANT:**  
**Awen Cultural Trust**  
**NAME AND POSTAL ADDRESS OF THE PREMISES:** Carnegie House, 14 Wyndham Street, Bridgend, CF31 1EF.  
**STATEMENT OF INTENDED LICENSABLE ACTIVITIES:** (1) Light entertainment programme to include plays, music, comedy, film and dance supported by bar and refreshments. Events will take place a few times a week on varying days and times but no earlier than 10.30am and with a finish time of no later than 11pm.  
**DATE BY WHICH REPRESENTATIONS MUST BE MADE:** This notice remains in force from and including the day after the giving of this notice to the licensing authority, namely 8th February 2017, for 28 consecutive days. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine on summary conviction is £5,000.  
 (1) This must include details of activities, type of entertainment and appropriate days and times.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**LICENSING ACT 2003**  
 To whom it may concern:  
**I/We, Sadek Mohamed & Akeel Akeel**, trading as **Island Grill**, do hereby give notice of an application to the Vale of Glamorgan Council Licensing Authority for the grant of a premises licence at the address:  
**16 Broad Street, Barry** known as **Island Grill**. This application is for **A3 Restaurant and Takeaway from 12 noon until 2am, Monday to Sunday**. Any person wishing to make representations to this application may do so by writing to Vale of Glamorgan Council Licensing Department, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4RU, not later than 28 days after the date of this notice. Representations received after this date will not be considered. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make false statements in connection with this application, the maximum fine on summary conviction being £5,000.  
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**NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF MODIFICATION ORDER**  
**WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981, SECTION 53**  
**THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL**  
**DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2014**  
**(No.DMO/53/416)**

The above named Order, made on 30 September 2014, was confirmed with modifications by the Welsh Ministers on 3 February 2017.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to modify the Definitive Map and Statement by the adding of a footpath from Rensilly Park Road to Public Footpath 72a at the rear of 39 Porth-Y-Castell, Barry.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and the Order map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Docks Office, Subway Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan CF63 4RT during normal office hours. Copies of the Order and map may be bought there at a price of £4.50.

The Order comes into force on 3 February 2017 but if any person aggrieved by the Order wants to question the validity thereof, or of any provision contained therein, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, or on the ground that any requirement of the Act, or any regulation made thereunder, has not been complied with in relation to the Order, he or she may, under paragraph 12 of Schedule 15 to the Act, within 42 days from 23 February 2017 make application for the purpose to the High Court.

Dated this 23 February 2017

**HYSBYSIAD CADARNAHAW ADDASU GORCHYMYN DEDDF BYWYD GWYLLT A CHEFN GWLAD 1981, ADARAN 53 CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG GORCHYMYN ADDASU MAP SWYDDOGOL 2014 (Rhif DMO/53/416)**

Cadarnhawyd y Gorchymyn a enwir uchod, a wnaed ar 30 Medi 2014, gydag addasidau gan Weinidogion Cymru ar 3 Chwefror 2017.

Bydd y Gorchymyn fel y'i cadarnhawyd yn addasu'r Map a Datganiad Swyddogol trwy ychwanegu lwybr cerdded o Rensilly Park Road i Lwybr cyhoeddus 72a yng nghanol 39 Porth-Y-Castell, Y Barri.

Mae copi o'r Gorchymyn fel y'i cadarnhawyd a map y Gorchymyn wedi eu gosod a gellir myned i'w gweld am ddim yn Swyddfa'r Docks, Heol yr Ifforddi, Y Barri, Bro Morgannwg, CF63 4RT yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol. Gellir prynu copiâu o'r Gorchymyn a map y Gorchymyn yno am £4.50.

Daw'r Gorchymyn i rym ar 3 Chwefror 2017 ond os yw unrhyw berson y mae'r Gorchymyn yn parhau giddo os gweledus dilyniad y Gorchymyn neu unrhyw ddarpariaethau sydd wedi'u cynnwys ynddo, ar y sail nad ydym ni unol i'r pwerau Deddf Bywyd Gwyllt a Chefn Gwlad 1981 neu ar y sail na ddymunir i'w gynnwys ag unrhyw un o'r ddeddf, fel y'i ddiwygwyd, neu unrhyw nodiad a wnaed dan y Ddeddf mewn cysylltiad â'r Gorchymyn, gall, dan baragraff 12 Adran 15 y Ddeddf, ymhen 42 diwrnod o 23 Chwefror 2017, wneud cais i'r Uchel Llys at y diben hwn.

Dyddiad: 23 Chwefror 2017

**NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER**  
**HIGHWAYS ACT 1980**  
**THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL**  
**(PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO 48 ST BRIDES MAJOR)**  
**PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2016**

On the 14 February 2017 the Vale of Glamorgan Council confirmed the above Order made under section 119 of the Highways Act 1980.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to divert the public footpath to the east of Portabella House from a line running from NGR 287389 176272 to the adopted highway, NGR 287389 176480 to a line running from NGR 287389 176272 to the adopted highway, NGR 287389 176249 as set out in the Schedule and shown in the Order map.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and the Order map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Docks Office, Subway Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan CF63 4RT during normal office hours. Copies of the Order and map may be bought there at a price of £4.50.

This Order comes into force on 14 February 2017, but if a person aggrieved by the Order wants to question its validity, or that of any provision contained in it, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Highways Act 1980, as amended, or on the ground that any requirement of the Act, as amended, or of any regulation made under the Act has not been complied with in relation to the Order, he or she may, under paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Act as applied by paragraph 5 of Schedule 6 to the Act, within 6 weeks from 23 February 2017 make an application to the High Court.

Dated this 23 February 2017

**HYSBYSIAD CADARNAHAW GORCHYMYN LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS DEDDF PRIFYRDD 1980 CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG GORCHYMYN GWYR LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS (LLWYBR TROED CYHOEDDUS RHIF 48 SAINT-Y-BRID) 2016**

Ar 14 Chwefror 2017 cadarnhawodd Gyngor Bro Morgannwg y Gorchymyn uchod a wnaed dan adran 119 Deddf Prifffyrdd 1980.

Bydd y Gorchymyn hwn, fel y'i cadarnhawyd, yn gwynnol lwybr troed cyhoeddus i'r dwyrain o Portabella House o linell sy'n mynd o bwynt Cylleirnod Grid Cenedlaethol 287389 176272 at y briffordd fabysyddig, Cylleirnod 287389 176480 hyd at linell sy'n mynd o bwynt Cylleirnod 287389 176272 at y briffordd fabysyddig, 287389 176249 fel y dangosir ar map y Gorchymyn.

Mae copi o'r Gorchymyn fel y'i cadarnhawyd a map y Gorchymyn wedi eu gosod a gellir myned i'w gweld am ddim yn Swyddfa'r Docks, Heol yr Ifforddi, Y Barri, Bro Morgannwg, CF63 4RT yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol. Gellir prynu copiâu o'r Gorchymyn a map y Gorchymyn yno am £4.50.

Daw'r Gorchymyn i rym ar 14 Chwefror 2017, ond os ydych chi person yn teimlo ei fod wedi'i ddangysyddio gan y Gorchymyn ac yn anghoeddi dilyniad, neu unrhyw ddarpariaethau sydd wedi'u cynnwys ynddo, ar y sail nad ydych chi unol i'r pwerau Deddf Prifffyrdd 1980 fel y'i ddiwygwyd, neu ar y sail na ddymunir i'w gynnwys ag unrhyw un o'r ddeddf, fel y'i ddiwygwyd, neu unrhyw nodiad a wnaed dan y Ddeddf mewn cysylltiad â'r Gorchymyn, gall, dan baragraff 2 Adran 2 y Ddeddf fel y nodir yn mhenagraff 5 Adran 6 o'r Ddeddf, o lewng 6 wythnos o 23 Chwefror 2017 wneud cais i'r Uchel Llys.

Dyddiad: 23 Chwefror 2017

**NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER**  
**HIGHWAYS ACT 1980**  
**THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL**  
**(PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO 50 ST BRIDES MAJOR)**  
**PUBLIC PATH CREATION ORDER 2016**

On the 14 February 2017 the Vale of Glamorgan Council confirmed the above Order made under section 26 of the Highways Act 1980.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to create a public footpath from the adopted highway, B4524 (NGR 287374 176244) to the adopted highway, B4524 (NGR 286309 176872) as set out in the Schedule and shown in the Order map.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and the Order map may be seen free of charge at the Docks Office, Subway Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan CF63 4RT during normal office hours. Copies of the Order and map may be bought there at a price of £4.50.

This Order comes into force on 14 February 2017, but if a person aggrieved by the Order wants to question its validity, or that of any provision contained in it, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Highways Act 1980, as amended, or on the ground that any requirement of the Act, as amended, or of any regulation made under the Act has not been complied with in relation to the Order, he or she may, under paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Act as applied by paragraph 5 of Schedule 6 to the Act, within 6 weeks from 23 February 2017 make an application to the High Court.

Dated this 23 February 2017

**HYSBYSIAD CADARNAHAW GORCHYMYN LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS DEDDF PRIFYRDD 1980 CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG GORCHYMYN CREU LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS (LLWYBR TROED CYHOEDDUS RHIF 50 SAINT-Y-BRID) 2016**

Ar 14 Chwefror 2017 cadarnhawodd Gyngor Bro Morgannwg y Gorchymyn uchod a wnaed dan adran 26 Deddf Prifffyrdd 1980.

Bydd y Gorchymyn hwn, fel y'i cadarnhawyd, yn creu lwybr troed cyhoeddus o'r briffordd fabysyddig, B4524 (pwynt Cylleirnod Grid Cenedlaethol 287374 176244) i'r briffordd fabysyddig, B4524 (pwynt Cylleirnod Grid Cenedlaethol 286309 176872) fel y dangosir ar map y Gorchymyn.

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# GLAMORGAN FARMERS' GOLF SOCIETY HOLDS ANNUAL PRESENTATION NIGHT

THE annual presentation dinner and dance for members of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society was held recently at The Bear Hotel, Cowbridge with 120 attending.

Society captain Geraint Davies proposed a toast to the guests with Ryan Davies responding.

Following the presentation of the many silver cups and trophies awarded to the successful winners, attendees danced the night away to the live band Bogart.

The society were particularly pleased to welcome to the function Mrs Daphne Morgan and her family who had earlier presented a magnificent silver cup in memory of her late husband Wil Morgan, who captained the society in 1988.

Society members are now looking forward to Thursday, February 23, for the traditional captain's drive-in when incoming captain Raymond Thomas will be launching his



opening drive up the first fairway at Southerndown Golf Club.

Winners for year 2016/2017:

Southerndown, 25th February, 2016 - David Williams 39; Fairwood Park, 31st March, 2016 - Julian Kelly 33; Cottrell Park (Button)

28th April, 2016 - Huw Williams, 33; Wenvoe, 26th May, 2016 - Reggie Davies 36; Mendip Spring, 24th June, 2016 - Tony McCarthy 35; Langland Bay, 28th July, 2016 - John Caines/Tony McCarthy 35; Cradoc, Brecon, 25th August, 2016 - Clive Thomas 35; Rhondda, 29th

September, 2016 - Gareth Perkins 33; St. Pierre, 27th October, 2016 - John Thomas 34; Radyr, 24th November, 2016 - David Llewellyn 31; St. Athan, 15th December, 2016 - Julian Kelly 34; Cottrell Park (Button), 26th January, 2017 - Clive Thomas 35.

Annual golfing holiday at north Devon (David Evans Trophy) - winner Geraint Davies; Keith Jewell Memorial Trophy (played at Vale Resort) - winner Dan Jarvis, runner-up Mark Rees. Hibby Trophy - winner David Williams, 39 points (Southerndown).

Presidents Putter -

winner David Williams 249 points, second John Caines 239 points, third Julian Golunski 233 points, fourth Clive Edwards 229 points, fifth Reggie Davies 228 points, sixth Martyn Edwards, Clive Thomas, Trevor Wooding (all 227 points), ninth Tim Jarvis 220 points, 10th Tony McCarthy 218 points.

Par 3 Competition - winner Julian Golunski 88 points, second Tony McCarthy, Brian Jones (both 86 points), fourth Trevor Wooding 76 points, fifth Clive Thomas 74 points, sixth David Williams 73 points, seventh Mike King 72 points.

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## Barry RFC ladies are beaten down west

**BARRY RFC ladies travelled the lengthy journey down to Haverfordwest for their latest league fixture.**

With a bare 15 players Barry knew it was going to be a long hard game.

The home side started the brighter and immediately pressurised Barry who were unusually rusty failing to take the kick off.

After numerous phases the home side crossed for their first try and conversion.

It appeared that the writing was on the wall however with words of encouragement from the side lines, Barry weathered the storm. Solid defence from Deeks and Williams prevented another quick score.

Barry then grew in confidence, breaking out

of defence and were awarded a penalty deep in the Haverfordwest half. Unfortunately following a break down in communication possession from a tapped penalty went straight back to the home side.

Both sets of supporters were witnesses to some shuddering hits from both sides with props Jordan, Heyes and Cahill making several huge tackles.

The home stand off then punished Barry in discipline at the break down with some raking touch kicks.

From a resulting line out and good support play Haverfordwest crossed again and converted.

Barry then had a purple patch and took it to their opponents with the forwards Dix, Jordan, Husk and Cahill making surging drives.

With a first score on the cards in the home 22, Barry twice knocked on. Williams then sprinted back to make a try-saving tackle deep in the 22.

Haverfordwest's impressive link up play made it virtually impossible to defend against and they crossed for another try, duly converted by their excellent stand off.

Barry's defence was again put under tremendous pressure, only for another try saving tackle to be made by winger Sara Rees Jones. The half-time score was 21-0.

With the coaches' encouragement in their ears, Barry made the worst possible start.

They failed to pressurise the catcher and following one offload the open side flanker waltzed through some weak defence to score under the posts.

After all the hard work in the first half it looked as if Barry were looking down and out. However, they started playing with renewed confidence, aided by Deeks' counter-attacking and good exit strategy.

Barry's tackling was awesome from Owen, Mahon and Rees (the shortest second row who never took a step backwards).

Despite two further quick tries stretching the home side's advantage, but Barry never stopped

trying to play rugby.

Further crunching try-saving tackles were made by Deeks and the best by Mahon and Jordan to stop certain tries, the latter causing a potentially serious injury to the Haverfordwest player, and the coaching staff and players wish her a speedy recovery.

It is testament to the defensive qualities that in the last quarter Haverfordwest only succeeded with a long range penalty.

Perry, Fox-Maybe and Deeks started running attacking lines and succeeded in penetrating a tiring Haverfordwest midfield. However, the deserved consolation score did not prevail, with Barry ending the game on the front foot with Dix and Cahill driving the pack and team out of defence.

The final score was 41-0.

Team: Deeks, V Williams, Fox-Maybe, Jones, G Williams, Shanahan (c), Jordan, Cahill, Heyes, Rees, Owen, Mahon, Huskie and Dix.

The management proudly commented that there were many more positives than negatives from this fixture.

Training together is vital and Barry RFC ladies welcome any new players to training on Thursday evenings at Barry clubhouse, regardless of experience.

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## Silver Ball draw made

**THE draw for the Silver Ball quarter-finals has been made, and sees the following fixtures take place:**

Rhydfeil v Ferndale; Caerphilly v Cefn Coed; Treorchy v Penallt; Dinas Powys v Tondur.

The semi-finals will see the winner of the Rhydfeil v Ferndale game take on the winners of Caerphilly v Cefn Coed, while Treorchy or Penallt will face Dinas Powys or Tondur in the other semi-final.

Dates and venues for these games are to be confirmed at a future date, but each game will be played on either March 8, 15, 22 and 29.

MIKE SULLY

## LLANTWIT MAJOR & DISTRICT DARTS LEAGUE UPDATE

**THE Llantwit Major and District Darts League season entered its 20th week with the highlights being:**

Louis Holden 180 and 20 dart leg, Alf Sutton 20 dart leg, Will Cooke 19 dart leg, Tony Deacon 19 dart leg, Steve Davie 14 dart leg, Steve Price 80 out, Dan Powell 141 out and Callum Bracey 151 out to win his match in the Alec McGaw competition.

In the 'C' League the fight for second place couldn't be any closer with three teams tied on 126 points with the Wenvoe one point behind with 125 points.

The teams through to the Alec McGaw semi-finals on March 23 are Shoes Peterson (Steve, Mike, Fran, Alf); Wenvoe Arms 'A' 1 (Adam, Luke, Phil,

Callum); Kings Head 'A1' 2 (Pete, Ben, Mike); Shoes St Athan 'C1' (Dave, Martin, Rob, Paul).

Monday Night 'C' League table: Lamb and Flag 'C1' 154, Boverton Castle 126, Lamb and Flag 'C2' 126, Shoes St Athan 126, Wenvoe Arms 125, Rugby Club 120, Kings Head 'C2' 109, Tudor Tavern 'C2' 95, Kings Head 'C1' 61, Tudor Tavern 'C1' 47.

Tuesday Night 'A' League table: Kings Head 'A1' 184, Wenvoe Arms 160, Fox and Hounds 134, Rugby Club 'A2' 128, Shoes St Athan 125, Golden Cups 122, Shoes Peterson 111, Four Bells 99, Lamb and Flag 94, Rugby Club 'A1' 90, Tudor Tavern 78, Blacksmith Arms 77, Kings Head 'A2' 75, Rugby Club 'A3' 63.

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# THREE-SY DOES IT AS BARRY TOWN UNITED HOLD ON TO TOP SPOT!

**AFTER a host of results went their way at the weekend, Barry Town United head into this Saturday's top of the table clash with Goytre at Jenner Park (2pm kick-off) hoping to extend their lead at the summit of Welsh League Division One.**

While second-placed Goytre were edged out in a seven-goal thriller with Ton Pentre at Plough Road, Barry would run out comfortable 3-0 winners over Risca United at Ystrad Mynach's Centre for Sporting Excellence in what was the Town's fifth successive victory on their travels.

With manager Gavin Chesterfield sticking with the same team who had started the previous Saturday's 3-1 win at Caldicot Town, Barry's initial attempts would bear no fruit, as Risca, who are fighting to preserve their Division One status, survived efforts from TJ Nagi, Louis Gerrard and Callum Sainty.

Nevertheless, Barry's chance creation would pay off midway through the first half, as defender Luke Cooper rose to head home from a corner, breaking the deadlock in Barry's favour to the delight of the travelling supporters.

Making his 50th appearance for his hometown club, attacker Drew Fahiya gave the Cuckoos further cause for concern and it was the former Welsh Cup final goalscorer who set up the Town's second,

Fahiya feeding full-back Paul Morgan, who duly doubled the visitors' advantage in the 39th minute.

The second half meanwhile was relatively event-free, with the young Risca United side performing above and beyond their league position, only to be unable to get past Barry Town goalkeeper Mike Lewis (who entered another strong performance between the sticks).

The former Aberystwyth number one has conceded merely 12 times across Barry's 18 league outings to date, helping the Town affirm their current position as the most robust defence in the division.

At the opposite end, the visitors looked to claim a killer third and it came in the 73rd minute, as Nagi netted his 12th goal of the campaign and his 85th for Barry in total, days ahead of his 28th birthday.

Seeing out the game in an effective and professional manner, Saturday was ultimately a comfortable win for Chesterfield's men, yet credit must go to the hard-working home side and the excellent team of officials from Ireland, who took charge of the match as part of a special refereeing exchange.

With all attention now switching to this coming Saturday's events, Barry will have been encouraged to learn that the sides in second, third and fourth place alike all dropped points last

weekend.

Nevertheless, title-chasing rivals Goytre seemed poised to present one of the toughest challenges of the campaign this weekend, in what should be a highly-entertaining affair at Jenner Park.

Despite shipping three times as many goals as their Vale counterparts, Goytre are the division's top goalscorers, netting a total of 50 times in their 19 matches, ahead of the trip to Barry.

Gavin Chesterfield's team currently stand four points clear with a game in hand on their opponents and will look to extend the gap, while keeping their points advantage ahead of the chasing pack.

Finally, the Town's development team followed in the senior team's footsteps on Monday evening, recording a terrific away win at Merthyr Town in Welsh Premier Development League (South).

Mirroring the success of prolific first teamer Jordan, Kieran Cotterill set up Bradley Cotterill for both the Barry goals, on an evening that saw recovering favourite Lee Baldock continue his rehabilitation process with an effective 90 minutes at Penydarren Park.

Admission this Saturday for Barry vs Goytre is £5 at the Barry Road and Gladstone Road turnstiles, with the regular discounts for senior citizens, students and children. AC

## MARTIAL ARTS INSTRUCTOR JEFF RECEIVES TOP AWARD

On Saturday, February 4, Bridgend-based martial artist and head instructor at Warriors kickboxing gym, Master Jeff Copp, received recognition for his continued contribution to the advancement of kickboxing in the UK.

Accompanied by his son Lee Todd, also nominated for an award, Master Copp (7th Degree black belt) attended The WUMA (World United Martial Arts Federation) event held at Aston Villa Football Club to accept his entry into the prestigious UK hall of fame.

Barry-born Master Copp became interested in and has practised martial arts since the age of eight.

During time in the army he became involved in boxing and specialised in unarmed combat and weapons. He continued to develop his interest in martial arts and has trained in Tae Kwon Do, Korean Kickboxing, Shotokan and Shotokai.

Master Copp has achieved the status of 7th degree Black Belt demonstrating his lifelong commitment to martial arts and has been graded by Master Rhee Ki Ha, Master Ted Hopwood, Master Hee il



Jeff pictured second right.

Cho. His sixth degree was by invitation only from Master Karel Van Orsouw and his seventh degree was awarded by the KMA (Kickboxing Wales) committee.

Master Copp has represented Welsh Kickboxing with WKA (World Kickboxing Association) and WPKA (World Pan Amateur Kickboxing Association).

He was a founding member of and sat on the board of directors with ISKA (International Sport Karate Association), an ex-committee member of ICO (International Combat Organisation) and spent two years on the World Championship Organising committee of the WPKA.

In 2001, Master Copp founded WKU (Welsh Kickboxing Union) his aim being to unite Welsh kickboxing clubs and to create the biggest and fairest association in the UK.

Currently there are 17 clubs in the association

with more joining year on year.

Master Copp has trained many national and world champions over the years, many who have gone on to open their own clubs, and is highly respected amongst colleagues and students.

He continues to work hard providing local people of all ages and abilities with the facilities and opportunities to discover and develop their martial arts skills.

Most recently he took six students from Warriors gym to the WUMA British Samurai Open in Worcester on Sunday, February 19.

Bridgend Warriors fought through points and light continuous competitions to bring home a collection of trophies including: Diesel Jones, two golds (Points and light continuous); Ryan Peet, gold and silver (Bo Staff and Points); Diana Apperley, gold (Points); Ethan Ballinger, silver (Light Continuous); Ryan

and Liam Reed both received medals (points).

We are privileged to have someone of Master Copp's experience and calibre teaching martial arts in Bridgend.

His dedication to his club and students is unmatched and unfaltering. At the age of 72 he drives from Barry most days to Warriors gym where he continues to help and encourage students develop and achieve their own martial arts goals.

Bridgend Warriors is situated above Sax nightclub in the old Bowlers space, a space which he has single-handedly transformed from bowling alley into a first class, modern kickboxing and fitness gym.

His students are delighted that he has received this award and that his achievements have been rightly recognised by his peers.

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# TIM'S 6/1 WINNER AT NEWCASTLE

**DADSINTROUBLE** was a 6-1 winner of the £12,021 Pertemps Network Handicap Hurdle at Newcastle for Aberthyn's Tim Vaughan last Saturday.

The seven-year-old course and distance winner, partnered by Alan Johns, came home two lengths ahead of the Linda Russell-trained Big River who was ridden by Tom Scudamore.

**ISABEL'S HOWICK WIN IN LADIES RACE**  
Herefordshire born Richard Patrick, aged 21, rode his first hat-trick and then went on to ride his first four-timer at the well-attended Currie & Llangibby fixture which saw the start of the south and west Wales Point-To-Point season.

Richard, who has also chalked-up six winners under rules, took the members' race on Stony Road which he said jumped perfectly throughout, the confined race on Repeat Business, a division of the restricted on Desert Row, who like Repeat Business is trained by Jonathan Tudor, and a division of the maiden on the Patrick Hanly trained Barney Rubble.

Sadly, Stony Road who was winning the members' for the third successive year sustained an injury during the race and had to be put down. Stony Road was owned by the late Vale hand-racing stalwart Mrs Jeanne Thomas.

There were 10 starters for the ladies' open race and the finish was fought out between two former useful National Hunt performers in Hold Court and Sir Du Bearn with victory going to the former, who was ridden by Llancarfan's Isabel Williams, the 19-year-old daughter of leading Welsh trainer and former national point-to-point champion rider Evan Williams.

There wasn't much between the winner and the runner-up four fences

from home but Hold Court, trained by Isabel's mother Catherine, ran on gamely in the closing stages to win by four lengths from the favourite who was ridden by Jodie Hughes.

A delighted Isabel said: "That was just brilliant."

The biggest cheers of the day were for Carmarthen's Ben Jones, who, riding Gwyn Phillips' seven-year-old chestnut gelding Manhattan Mead, won the second division of the open maiden by half-a-length from Tim Vaughan's Moreece, partnered by Charlie Price, after the pair had jumped the last fence together.

Ben, aged 17, who is studying to be a farrier, is the son of former Welsh champion rider Dai Jones.

Earlier, Ben looked as though he was going to chalk-up his first winner on Shanks A Lot in the second division of the restricted as he was still in with a good chance on the pacemaking Shanks A Lot on the second circuit.

However, it was not to be as Hannah Lewis on AlfStar had them in her sight and went on to score by six lengths.

**REALLY UNIQUE**  
Mike Bassett's 12-year-old Really Unique qualified for the Timico Mixed Open Final at Cheltenham on May 5 when landing the men's open race at the Currie & Llangibby Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases.

Well ridden by the Vale of Glamorgan's Byron Moorcroft, Really Unique led four fences from the finish to score by five lengths from the odds-on favourite TempleBraden, partnered by Zac Baker.

BRIAN LEE

## Barry Seconds beaten by St Josephs

**BARRY RFC second XV returned to league action as they hosted St Josephs on a damp Saturday afternoon.**

With their squad decimated with injuries, players unavailable and players failing to turn up, coach Rhidian Scott was forced to recall former manager Ken Chow to pack down as hooker, alongside Liam Ring who started his first game of the season.

Ethan Dicks also returned to the starting line-up after over 12 months out, while George Chucas and Tom Ivins awaited their second XV debut from the replacement bench.

The opening omens were not good, as Barry indiscipline infuriated the referee with penalty following penalty. St Josephs built up sustained pressure and eventually it told with an unconverted try.

Barry did make inroads to the visiting defence, with Harry Moyle and Dicks especially effective in carrying.

Unfortunately they were continuously pegged back by a combination of lack of discipline and ruthlessness, and they returned empty handed after a foray into the opposition's 22.

The introduction of Chris Chucas injected some much needed

urgency and pace in the home back-line, but it was in defence that organisation and application were sorely lacking, and as such St Josephs took full advantage to rack up 21 unanswered points.

At 24-0 down, it was looking ominous for the green and whites, who have had a poor run in the league anyway, but the players showed great heart and determination to rally and get themselves back into the game.

After some good ball retention in the St Josephs 22, the pressure finally told as Dicks crashed over under the posts. Joel Williams stroked over the extras to reduce the deficit.

At half-time stern words were exchanged and Barry started the second half like a team rejuvenated, putting the visitors under pressure straight from the off.

Following a series of penalties, Barry took advantage of their territorial superiority when a Dicks break was finished off by Owain Poole burrowing over. Williams failed to add the extras.

Sensing an unlikely comeback, Barry poured forward but some loose possession allowed the away team to counter-attack and score an unconverted try against the run of play.

Undeterred, the hosts continued their increased tempo and continued to

camp at opposition territory, despite the game being progressively fragmented due to the referee's whistle.

Switching play from right to left, a bullocking run from Gareth Hall brought territory, and when Williams' pass out wide to Elliot Evans was knocked on deliberately by a St Josephs hand with just metres to go from the try line, a penalty try was the result. Williams added the extras to leave Barry 10 points behind.

The green and whites continued to batter at the visitors' door but were eventually beaten by some fine rearguard action and the final whistle.

It was pleasing to see that despite the disruptions to the preparations the 19 players who took the field wore the shirt with pride and, especially in the second half, showed the sort of determination and attitude that is required to turn the season around.

Barry second XV return to action on March 4 away at Rhiwbina.

*Team: Robertson; E Evans, D Evans, Dicks, Gaskin; Williams (c), Leech; Ring, Chow, Such; Hall, Jones; J Chucas, Poole, Moyle. Replacements: Ivins, G Chucas, C Chucas, Bailey. Man of the match: Moyle.*

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## Club team up with Aero Bowls!

**BARRY ATHLETIC Bowls Club and Aero Bowls UK have recently announced that they will work together in a strategic partnership to support the development of bowls in south Wales and the establishment of the Aero brand.**

Aero Bowls will use the green and facilities at Barry Island to pilot an Aero Bowls Academy in south Wales, providing youngsters with the opportunity to enjoy a fun introduction to bowls from an early age, develop skills required to become proficient, and have the opportunity for personal coaching from the some of the very best players in the United Kingdom.

Further details about how to join in with this exciting initiative

will be available when the new season is underway, and will be advertised widely with local clubs and on the club website.

To support the development of the Aero Brand, Barry Athletic Bowls Club will also make their facilities available as an Aero hub club for any new or existing bowler who want to experience the Aero products at first hand.

Commenting on the new partnership, Richard Bowen, chairman of Barry Athletic Bowls Club, said "We are delighted to have the opportunity to work with Aero Bowls on this exciting initiative, and we see it as an endorsement of our club and the first class facilities and green at Barry Island."

"I am confident that this will add to the profile of our club and

provide a fantastic opportunity for new and existing bowlers of all generations to experience the enjoyment of bowls and the Aero products."

Details of the new Academy will be available on the Barry Athletic website ([www.babc.co.uk](http://www.babc.co.uk)) and via Aero Bowls ([www.aerobowls.co.uk](http://www.aerobowls.co.uk)) for the start of the outdoor season.

Please also refer to the club's website for details on how to book to try Aero Bowls. In addition, plans for an Aero demonstration day in April at the club are already well advanced, and details for the first taster session are also available from the club website.

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## Love is in the air for the Brynhill lady golfers..!



ON a very cold St Valentine's Day, the ladies of Brynhill Golf Club played 10 holes of golf, followed by a superb lunch supplied by our in-house caterers.

Our ladies captain, Mrs Olwyn Thomas, who was celebrating her birthday, awarded then winner Mrs Linda Hewlett (14 points) and runner-up Mrs Julie Harkin (13 points) with their prizes.

The afternoon concluded with jokes, supplied by Mrs Claire Herbert, a raffle and lots of laughter, as usual. ET

## Barrivale Bridge Club round-up

**LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club for February 14:**

1st Jane Brook & Mick Green 57.50%; 2nd Jenny Vaughan & Denis Mottram 57.08%; 3rd Lyn Matthews & Alan Jones 54.17%. Debbie Dawkins and Sean Macdougall won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. A partner may be arranged if required.

If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Alternatively players, inexperienced or new, may attend on Fridays at 10am at the same address.

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## Your chance to try handball

**ELEVATE, a local charity, is running handball taster sessions at Cadoxton Sports Hall on Wednesday evenings, starting March 1, from 5pm to 6pm.**

"Handball is like a combination of 5-a-side football, Futsal, volleyball, basketball and netball all rolled into a fast moving one to end game," said Mark Nickerson, a volunteer coach and community sports lead at Elevate.

"At Elevate, we like to introduce new sports for young people to try, about eight years ago we launched Futsal in the Vale, and were the second organisation in south Wales to introduce rebounding to

communities. "We believe sport builds confidence, as well as physical health, the great thing about handball, is that's an olympic sport, wouldn't it be great to sow the seed for an olympic handball player from the Vale," he added.

The taster sessions are for 13-16 year olds, held until Easter, run by qualified volunteer coaches who are DBS checked.

Elevate are keen to get an adult team as well as youth teams up and running. If you would like to know more, you can email Elevate at info@elevateck.org, or follow them on their Facebook page, Vale Futsal and Handball.

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Young Vale girls will love fast-paced rugby with Phoenix Touch.

## NEW GIRLS ONLY RUGBY

**A NEW touch-rugby side is set to offer Vale of Glamorgan girls the chance to emulate their rugby heroes.**

Phoenix Touch is a new girls-only side aiming to offer girls between the ages of 9-11 (school years 5 and 6) the opportunity to take part in a non-contact form of the popular sport.

The team is being set up off the back of the success of Atomic Touch, a fast-paced game that has similarities to touch rugby, netball and ultimate Frisbee.

Training for Phoenix Touch is set to take place every Monday - between 6.15pm-7.15pm - from Monday, March 6 at Stanwell School, Penarth.

The sessions will offer fun, skill-based activities in a friendly environment, one that aims to encourage more young girls to take part.

This falls in line with the Vale Council's Sports and Play Development team's 'Girls on the

Move' scheme. The scheme aims to increase female participation in sport and exercise across the Vale, and has, up to now, introduced 'glowminton' (a twist on badminton that uses glow-in-the-dark shuttlecocks and rackets) and a girls-only running group in Penarth.

Coun Gwyn John, Vale of Glamorgan cabinet member for visible, leisure and regulatory services, said: "The 'Girls on the Move' scheme has brought great opportunities to young Vale girls looking to be more active, or join a friendly sports club.

"We are always looking to bring more sporting opportunities to residents and their children, and hope that the latest club - Phoenix Touch - will persuade more people to be active.

For more information on Phoenix Touch, or 'Girls on the Move', contact Sophie Wilkinson on 01446 361111 or shwilkinson@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

## A golfing legend revisits Porthcawl

**THE voice of golf, legendary commentator Peter Alliss, will delight and entertain in his own inimitable style live at the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl on Friday, March 3 at 7.30pm as he answers questions, shares stories, anecdotes and humour and gives his unique insight into the world of golf.**

With his father, Percy Alliss, among the finest players of his generation, it was perhaps inevitable that Peter would also make a career in golf. Percy hired Peter as his unpaid assistant at Ferndown Golf Club, allowing him time off during midweek to compete in tournaments.

With some degree of success in his first professional tournaments, Peter Alliss quickly established himself among the top young players of the time.

Between 1954 and 1969, he won 21 professional tournaments - including three British PGA championships - and was twice winner of the Vardon Trophy.

In September 1958, he won the national championships of Italy, Spain, and Portugal in three consecutive weeks.

His first appearance in the Ryder Cup was in 1953, and with the single exception of 1955, he represented Great Britain and Ireland in the event until 1969. He is one of only two father-and-son duos to have represented their country at this level.

He spent just six weeks on the American tour, in 1954, and therefore is known primarily as a commentator in the USA. Peter retired from the professional golf circuit in 1969.

"When it comes to painting a picture with words, he's nothing short of Rembrandt..." Alliss (is) one of the finest strikers of the golf ball in the land..." Daily Telegraph

Tickets from £18\* (includes booking fee), and group discounts of 10 tickets or more are also available, call the Box Office on 01656 815995 or book online at www.grandpavilion.co.uk.

## Cowbridge under-14s beaten by Penarth



The players struggled with the rain and strong wind.

**IT was a bitterly cold Sunday morning when Cowbridge RFC under-14s and Penarth met on the Cowbridge first team pitch, in a strong wind with driving rain thrown in for good measure.**

Despite making a strong start, Cowbridge quickly succumbed to Penarth's well-structured attacks, and cold hands were reluctant to make effective tackles, allowing Penarth three tries in the first half.

For Cowbridge, the second half was initially not a lot better. The under-

14 strength team again gave the Penarth backs too much time on the ball and failed to capitalise on possession when gained through the hard work of their own forwards.

Cowbridge scored two well-taken consolation tries late in the second half to make the scoreline a little more respectable, but overall, it was the visitors who came out well on top.

It was a disappointing performance after recent successes. It was fair to say that all parents and players alike were glad to hear the final whistle and take refuge in the warm clubhouse! TD

## The Vale of Glamorgan Football League round-up

**IT was another exciting weekend in the Vale football league saw some high scoring games, big results and a cup upset.**

We start with that cup upset as St Athan shocked SWFA Alliance League side Cardiff Airport in the SWFA Intermediate Cup.

The two sides played out a thrilling 3-3 that went all the way to penalties with Jordan Mortimore (2) and Josh Morgan getting Saints goals.

In the shoot out Gareth Richards saved a penalty and Jonathan Ashton converted the decisive spot-kick to send St Athan into the quarter-finals and eliminate last season's Intermediate Cup runners-up and Vale League champions.

In the ASRS Cup Vale United cruised through into the semi-finals 5-1 against Barry Athletic, which sets up semi-final against St Athan.

In league action Masons Moving Group finally got their first win of the season at the 12th time of asking. Josh Bell, Lee Galsworthy, Luke Brody-miles, Paul Eveleigh and Jordan Yoeman notched for the home side in a 5-2 win against Dinas Powys Athletic.

The win is a credit to Masons who have endured a difficult season; Dinas however are in free fall, suffering their fifth league defeat

in a row.

Elsewhere in the Premier Division, Tynwydd held Penarth Town with an impressive 2-2 draw. Rhooose went second as they put Cowbridge Town to the sword comprehensively 3-0, making it eight league games unbeaten. Rhooose got three points behind Vale United, although the leaders do have four games in hand.

In Division One Barry Athletic B kept up their table-topping form with their fifth league win on the bounce with a 4-1 win away to Dockers, Spencer Price, Linford Harris, Ben Graham and Dan Morgan with the goals; man of the match keeper Chris Simpson made a vital penalty save at 2-1.

Barry Belgrade lost ground on the leaders as they were held 3-3 by fifth-placed SP Billy. Sully continued their

recent form as they disposed of Cogan 4-1 while Pumas stayed third after a goal crazy game winning 8-3 against Glenbrook. Cardiff Airport B edged out Cadoxton Athletic in a 5-4 thriller.

In Division Two Cadoxton Imps reclaimed top spot after a 6-1 victory over Pumas B while Barry Saints slipped up being held 3-3 by Rhooose B, who made it three games unbeaten.

Third place Penarth B closed the gap on second to six points with a game in hand after a 3-1 over Barry Albion, Albion's first league defeat of 2017.

It's a full league fixture list this weekend. Games of the day in each division look like being Rhooose vs Penarth, Sully vs SP Billy and Cadoxton Imps vs Rhooose B.

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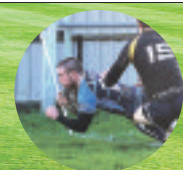




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## VALLANT SECOND HALF PERFORMANCE IS NOT ENOUGH FOR ATHLETIC

A large crowd in the winter sunshine at Barc Trebanos were treated to an excellent competitive fixture as third-placed Bridgend Athletic took on fourth-placed Trebanos in the first senior fixture between these clubs.

A three try blitz within a five-minute period on the half-hour mark by the home side yielding 19 points opened a 25-6 lead which proved too much for a valiant Athletic second half display. The result was 25-16.

The opening 10 minutes saw both sides concede numerous penalties which resulted in Athletic full back Stuart Floyd Ellis and his counterpart Luke Richards kicking two apiece to make the score 6-6.

Trebanos possessed a very pacy back division and were prepared to run from all parts of the field. The Athletic tried to match them with half backs Aled Thomas and Luke Bevan playing well, but the team were more predictable and easier to defend against.

Trebanos started to gain the edge in the set scrums and forced the Athletic to concede a series of penalties in this department.

The first Trebanos try came when the Athletic chipped ahead inside the home side's 22. Trebanos gathered and launched a counter attack.

A missed Athletic tackle saw Trebanos break away and a combined handling move at speed saw flanker Rhodri Williams cross for the opening try, which Richards converted.

The Athletic kicked the restart long into the Trebanos 22 where another missed tackle saw a virtual carbon copy move result in a try for centre Stefan Lewis again converted by Richards.

Within two minutes another free-flowing move saw scrum half Nathan Jones cross wide out for a 25-6 Trebanos lead. With their tails up the home side went in search of the bonus point try, but the Athletic managed to hold out until half-time.

The Athletic brought on hooker Nathan Holman and prop Wayne Fooks to join prop Matt Muir in what has been a more familiar starting front row line-up.

This helped refashion the game in the second half. It was the Athletic who now held sway at the set scrums forcing Trebanos to concede penalties.

The Athletic pack took command of the game. Excellent ball carrying by lock Griff Davies and backrow forwards Chris John and Stuart Edbrook well supported by Jonathon Stoker and Ben Howe enabled half backs Aled Thomas and Luke Bevan to dictate tactics.

The Athletic driving maul started to tire the home

defence. This tactic proved very successful when from a 10 metre line out Chris John secured possession and a well-controlled drive saw hooker Nathan Holman driven over the try line.

This tactic was repeated 10 minutes later with the same outcome as Holman claimed his second try to reduce the deficit to 25-16.

With seven minutes remaining the Athletic were awarded a penalty in front of the posts. Needing two scores to win the coaches were urging the side to go for goal and at least secure a bonus point with the momentum to go on and win.

On the park the team elected to kick to the corner and try their hand at a third driving maul try. Unfortunately this tactic backfired and the move broke down.

The Athletic were penalised and Trebanos cleared their line. The Athletic failed to mount another effective challenge and came away empty-handed.

Both sets of supporters will look forward to the return fixture on April 22 and hope for another high-octane competitive game like this one.

The Athletic play a rearranged game at Aberavon Quins this Friday, February 24, kick-off 7.15pm, before entertaining Ystalyfera on March 4.

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## Howley & Co cannot afford any unforced errors against confident Scots

by Don John

**A**S Wales get set to break camp for the long trek north to the Scottish capital and the army of red-shirted followers that once amazed former head coach Graham Henry, again get set for their mass invasion of Murrayfield, both players and coaches can be in no doubt about the test that lies ahead on Saturday.

A resurgent Scottish side has already laid down its marker in this year's RBS Six Nations by overcoming pre-tournament co-favourites Ireland, and being desperately unlucky to lose against France.

The Welsh camp, in contrast, look back on a second half recovery that tipped the balance against battling minnows Italy, and a remarkable display against title favourites England in Cardiff that was undone by a late defensive lapse that failed to make the ball safe, but had its origins in baffling changes made from the bench that saw the most aggressively-dynamic player on the field, Ross Moriarty, who was scattering all before him, taken off early in the second half.

The decision badly hit Welsh forward momentum at a crucial stage, and contributed to heart-breaking defeat in the dying minutes of a knife-edge encounter.

Acting head coach Robert Howley and his fellow coaches will surely not want to make a similar mistake again...

They know they could come under almost as much scrutiny as the players in Edinburgh – with their seconded head coach, Warren Gatland, hovering in the background and keeping a watchful brief, as he compiles his British & Irish Lions' tour squad.

The proud Kiwi will not want to see any worsening of his proud record of 9 wins in the last 10 clashes between the two sides since he took charge in Grand Slam year 2008.

The Welsh camp will be encouraged, though, by the overall statistics that show Wales have won 13 of the last 14 clashes, both home and away, between the two nations.

In fact, the Dragon has triumphed in 70 of the 121 meetings since 1883, compared to Scotland's 48, with just three matches drawn, and amassed a total of 1,611 points, to Scotland's 1,234.

While the Scots have won 32 of the 60 matches played on their home soil, Wales have tasted success on no fewer than 25 occasions there, but they have generally been close-fought affairs:

Two years ago, the Dragon scraped home 23-26; last year in Cardiff it was 27-23.

This year should be no different, and the Scots will be out to underline their renaissance under their head coach, New Zealander Vern Cotter, who steps down at the end of this Six Nations campaign.

Wales will be hoping to replicate the impressively-committed display that came so near to overturning the English chariot – and that should be enough to see off a tough Scottish challenge – while the travelling fans will be hoping there is no repeat of those unforced errors to spoil the day!

## Young players make their mark for the Boys Club!



Cameron Thomas.

**BRIDGEND ATHLETIC RFC are proud that six of their current youth side who top Division A of the Ospreys League have represented the Boys Clubs of Wales under-19 or under-16 side.**

Last month hooker Cameron Thomas, scrum half Dan James and outside half Luke Bevan played against the Scottish Exiles, while second row Tom Seldon and flanker Ben Davies and No 8 Luke Williams have also had representative honours with the BCOW.

All six players have also turned out for the Athletic first team this season. Dan James has over two seasons 11 first XV appearances, crossing for four tries, while Luke Bevan has 17 points in eight appearances.

Dan has played with the Ath since he was six years old, and played two seasons for Bridgend & District under-12 and under-13s, also the Ospreys under-16s, Bridgend College, West Wales and Blue Bulls rugby league and in seasons 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 represented BCOW on four occasions.

Luke Bevan played in the Ath minis, then Cowbridge juniors, Brynteg CS, Ospreys under-16s, Bridgend College and BCOW twice.

Cameron played for Bridgend & District under-11s and captained the under-15s, also playing for the Ospreys under-16s and under-18s, East Wales rugby league under-13s and under-14s and BCOW twice.

Tom played with Ath since he was 13 years old, representing Bridgend & District under-14s and under-15s, Ospreys under-16s and under-18s and has five BCOW representations. He is the current youth captain.



Dan James.

Luke Bevan.  
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JOHN CANNON.

Ben has played since he was six years old for the Ath and has made six appearances for the BCOW.

Luke Williams joined the Ath from Bridgend Sports aged 15 and has over the seasons won many Ath age group man of the match and player of the year awards.

He was player of the year in his first Ath youth season. He played for Bridgend & District at all age groups between 11 and 15, represented Ospreys & Wales under-16s, was vice-captain of the BCOW under-16s team, captained Brynteg in years 9, 10 and 11 as well as captaining Bridgend county youth.

He was selected for Ospreys under-18s team and represented Welsh Academics twice.

All above players will be seniors next season and it is hoped the Athletic can eventually build their senior team around these talented players as well as others from the highly successful current youth side.

Hopefully, some may eventually emulate Rhys Webb, Scott Baldwin, Matthew Morgan, and Lee Byrne, who were all products of the Athletic youth set-up.

As well as the highly successful Ospreys A youth side coached by Athletic stalwarts Lee Grabham and John Doherty, the club also run a Youth Rags team from last season's under-16s team with Kevin Gamble, Mark Phillips and Keith Hobby in charge of the coaching set-up.

This team will ensure a smooth transition with youth rugby experience behind them when most of the current A side move to senior rugby next season.

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## Cefn Cribwr back to winning ways

**CEFN CRIBWR entertained second-placed Aberfan at Cae Gof with Cefn looking to bounce back from a defeat to table-toppers Garw the week before.**

Injuries and work commitments forced a few changes and paved way for young talent Ioan Clatworthy after lengthy lay off with injury.

Aberfan signalled their intent from the first whistle with some full-blooded tackles being made. It seemed to work as Aberfan took the lead inside 15 minutes. Cefn settled down to their game plan and passed the ball at pace with playmaker Dan Jenkins carving an opportunity after some neat passing, where he rifled home a shot from 25 yards to equalise on the stroke of half-time.

The second half saw Aberfan look tired and got bodies behind the ball, with the home side looking to go through the phases and build play patiently.

It wasn't long before

the home side took the lead with centre half James Cragington finishing from a well-worked free kick straight off the training ground.

Almost instantly the home side doubled their lead with winger Gordon Watt twisting and turning the visitors' defence inside out before slotting home untouched.

Cefn were in total control by now and worked the ball well, leaving the visitors with very little hope of a comeback.

Watts ensured the points stayed at Cefn with a sublime finish at the near post.

We wish Aberfan the very best for the rest of the season and would like to thank 3cs Cafe of Kenfig Hill for proudly sponsoring the match.

Cefn would like to announce the signing of local goalkeeper Rhys Fisher from Alliance Premier Division outfit Llangyndd Rangers - welcome back Rhys and thanks to Llangyndd Rangers for making the move go smoothly.

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